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JOSEPH KETCHUM'S DIARY

PREFACE

The records assembled in this volume were, for the most part, prior to 1900, although some were brought up to more recent years.

While this volume concerns mainly activities in Hudson, Ashley is involved from time to time. For instance, the roots of the Hudson Methodist Church and the Ashley Church are closely related and from time to time have had the same pastors. It is expected that the next volume will concern mainly Ashley residents.

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INTRODUCTION TO JOSEPH KETCHUM'S DIARY

Knowing my interest in Hudson history, the late Paul Strock loaned me his grandfather Ketchum's diary. Paul's mother, Ada, was the daughter of Joseph Ketchum and his wife, Frances Grieves.

Joseph Ketchum was living in Hudson and was only 26 years old when he started this diary on January 1, 1881, and with some gaps, ends in May 1885. This was about mid way between the excitement of the road beds that were built in 1873, by the Chicago & Canada Railroad, and 1892 when tracks were finally laid by the Wabash Railroad Company.

Since Joseph Ketchum has an avid interest in the activities of the Hudson community which he communicates in the diary, the reader can feel the pulse of the times.

Joseph Ketchum calls his wife, Frances, "Frank", and usually tells what she did each day as well as his own activities. At the beginning of this diary, he is teaching school, but is always studying or reading to improve his mind and is active physically raising garden, keeping a cow or two, pigs, and chickens. He ventures into business and political activities, and becomes a judge and legal authority for the community.

Mr. Ketchum trades guns and watches frequently. He hunts, fishes, and takes walks. He and his wife do lots of visiting and entertaining.

His wife works hard sewing, cleaning house, canning, and the other duties of wives during that period. She has hired help as her pregnancies progress and after delivery until she is on her feet again.

He adores his children and seems to have a good relationship with his wife.

Sickness and death of family members and other loved ones bring him to somber reflection.

He is plagued by bronchial problems, and it is apparently tuberculosis that ended his life on July 15, 1889. In his 35 years, he did a lot of living, and made significant contributions to the quality of life in Hudson, Indiana.

His daughter, Ada Grieves Ketchum, was only four years old when her father died. One can imagine how she treasured his diary and her memories of him, which would've contributed in part to her own avid interest in Hudson and its activities. She was known as Hudson's historian, and more mention of her is made elsewhere in this book.

Wava Rowe White

SELECTIONS FROM JOSEPH KETCHUM'S DIARY

1881

Jan. 1 Received postal from George Clembetter. Went to Dunlaps in evening. Jim went to Huntertown.
2 West to mother's and Will's with More's rig. Cost $1.00. Got home at sundown.
3 Mr. Slaybaugh hauled two loads of wood.
4 Mrs. Camp here in afternoon and Mrs. Wheeler in the evening.
7 West to Kistler's in the evening. Henry cut my hair.
9 Icy Ropp here most all day. Charley here a few minutes. Molly and Caroline Kistler here for awhile. Mrs. Miller here in the evening.
11 Frank ironed and visited Mrs. Wheeler and went to Vi's in the evening. Clem around again.
12 West up to Shaffstalls in the evening. Gustie Kistler and Willie Ferguson have the lung fever. Old man Sparks very sick.
13 Cornet Band Concert in town tonight.
14 Had spelling school after recess. Frank's eye so bad we could not get to concert. She went to Wheelers, Kistlers and Millers.
15 (Frank) Her eye is very bad. Slaybaugh hauled another load of wood. 104 tickets sold at concert.
16 Mother here till 3 o'clock. Mrs. Mollie Miller in evening. Elis Miller is going to Tenn. for his health. Has consumption.
17 Attended Institute...good attendance. Mr. Brown and lady, Mr. Perfect, Ed ___?___ and daughter took dinner with us. My essay was well received.
18 Went to see Albert Miller. Received letter from George. Clem well again. Will Farr married to Georgie Bitner.
19 Frank went with Will and Mina to see John Tuttle.
20 Frank went to Ferrier's quilting. Mother sent us 4½ bushels of wheat by Will yesterday. Slaybaugh hauled a load of wood.
21 Read Republican. Whiped Frank Ritter.
22 J. Tuttle and wife came. We went with them to mother's.
23 Stayed to Will's until 10 - then went to mother's. Jim, Mrs. Ritter and Joe came to our house, then came up to mother's.
24 Jim says there is a strong suspicion that Will will marry Addie again. If he does, he is bigger fool than Tom's colt.
25 Monty Miller visited school. Wrote to Uncle Marve. Protracted meeting at north church.
26 Expelled Frank Leiby. Mrs. Miller here today. Frank's eye is worse. I'm eating orange peel.
27 Went to Brughs in evening. Engaged him to take us to the lake tomorrow. Worked an example for Harpster. Good sleighing.
28 Had big time in school. Brugh took us to the lake after school. We found all well at the lake.
29 Got a new pair of boots of Jim for $5.25. We took dinner and supper with Florence and Jose.
30 Visited Ham and Frank visited Jim's.
31 Twenty pupils today - the least number of this term. January goes out like a lion.

Feb. 1 Took dinner with Shuman. Got letter from Clara Tracy.
2 Frank finished with Ropp's mittens. Slaybaugh hauled my beech log.
3 _____ has a bastard, it being the eighth one of this section this winter. Who is next?

1881

Feb. 4 Frank and I visited at Squire Mead's in evening. Mrs. Forrest and Mrs. Miller here. Mrs. Forrest wants to trade for Swan property.
5 Helped Slaybaugh haul my twelve logs.
6 We were to Millers. Mrs. Miller and Mollie here in evening. Chadwicks and the Hardware at the lake burned last night.
7 Frank washed and sewed and took care of Hally. Mrs. Jake Lease buried today.
8 Frank sewed and went to Vi's. Frank Leiby came back and repented. We let him stay.
10 Leila Dunton and Ed Parker married, also H. Saylor and Celia Parker.
11 Mr. Buckmaster visited school. Mrs. Miller and C. Town visited Frank.
12 Frank is feeling quite bad.
14 Frank went to mother's with Cass Town & Mrs. Miller. Reed Miller at home today. He is working at Garrett.
15 Went to see L. Town about buying out his shoe shop.
17 Mr. Markle moved in Mrs. Forrest's house.
19 Edy Mead helped me saw wood. Jennie and Brent Redman came at 8:30 and staid all night.
20 Jennie and Brent went away at 11:30. C. Ropp, Vi, Mrs. Miller and Mollie here in P.M. Jennie is working for Dr. Beril in the art gallery.
21 Met Gib at the church and was terribly surprised - did not know him.
22 Gib went to school with me. We went to organize our concert in evening. Gib and I had a good visit.
23 Issued order of attachment to Ferrier in evening. Went to Kistlers. Cold.
25 Spoke our pieces in the afternoon. Mr. Ferrier, Mr. Rough and ladies with Vie Ropp here in the evening. Received $1.00 of Ferrier on law suit.

Mar. 2 Full school - 28.
3 Gib started for Summit at 7 A.M. He made us a splendid visit.
5 Went to Mart Lease's for a sack of corn.
7 Allie West came to work for us today.
8 Frank cut carpet rags and helped Ally wash.
9 Frank kept Hally while Vie went to neck tie party at the hall. Nutey Dunten married to Mrs. Reardsley and Harland Saylor to Celia Parker. Allie washed for Mrs. Ropp who is quite sick today.
10 Allie went to work for Mrs. Ropp. Molo and Worthy Tuttle came here today. Neva Brugh won the silver cut at the neck tie party.
11 School closed at 2:30 P.M. Concert commenced at 7:30 with a crowded house and continued until 11:30. Had 3 tableaus. The band played us five pieces. Frank rode up with Johnson, Molo and Worthy. Very tired. Ona Shuman won the prize for spelling.
12 Milo (Molo, before. ww) and Worthy went home.
13 Mrs. Ropp very sick yet.
16 Marshall Dunlap here in evening.
18 Went to Chas. Brown's. Walked every step and made the trip by noon. I bought a load of wood from M. Pike. Worked more test examples for Dr. Hamilton. Played four games of checkers with Dr. Cipes.
20 Mrs. Cipes, Mrs. Shaffstall and Mrs. Markle called on Frank. Will Mead and Ida Ferrier married.
21 Tried to buy little shop of Wheeler, but we could not agree.

1881

Mar. 22 Eddie Mead and I finished sawing my logs. They belled Will Mead last night.
23 Covered ball for Ed Mead.
24 Frank went to Mrs. Ropp's in P.M. Mrs. Ropp is better.
25 Bought 2½ cords of wood of Allen Krum.
26 Received tax receipt on Swan property. Scoville traded his store to Parsell for his farm. I wrote petition for new school. Reed Miller quit working in Garrett. His wife here in evening. Paid Mollie $1.50.
28 Commenced spring term of school with 13 pupils. Clerked in Drug Store in evening.
29 Went to see Wheeler about buying little shop.
30 Made a bargain for little shop.
31 Dr. Morrison took possession of Moor's hotel today. John Gilbert died last Tuesday.

Apr. 1 Wheeler backed out on shop. Mrs. Markle and daughter here. Very bad winter weather.
2 Wheeler sold his ponies to Will Wirick. Scoville traded his store to Parsell last Saturday.
3 Celia Markle went away.
4 Will and Mina here from 9:30 until 2:30.
5 Bought S. Townses shop tools. Received letter from Gib and George. George commences practicing medicine.
6 Wheeler promised me the shop again.
7 Noah Row's child buryed. Measles.
8 Wheeler's made me out a deed for the little shop.
9 Went to lake with S. Town's horse and buggy after money but failed. Jim to Huntertown. George came to St. John's to practice medicine.
10 Wrote for first stock of leather and to Thomas.
11 Traded statutes to Mead for bookcase. Went to Camps in evening and got $4.62 for H. McEntaffer.
12 Caroline Kistler here in evenng.
13 Dr. Hamilton and _____ and Slaybaughs moved today.
14 Went up to see Hill on Ferrier's account. Received leather bill of $53.75. Mollie gone home with Caroline Kistler.
16 Hauled lumber from shop lot. Settled Ferrier's account on Hill.
18 John Thomas commenced work in shoe shop. Took order for pair of shoes J. Shaffstall.
19 Cut out shoes and boots.
20 Frank visited Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Ruth. Frank and Mollie kept Vi's babies last night.
21 Mollie went to singing school in evening. Mr. Markle has roof on his store.
22 Swept out and tended shop after supper. John went home. Linnie Keller died. Also, T. Zimmerman's baby. Wheeler at Angola.
23 Done $1.50 worth of mending in the shop. Took two measures. Alvin Anderson set out onions.
24 Ally Shaffstall was throwed from a buggy yesterday and hurt some. Lin Keller buryed.
25 Mrs. Camp sick, also Mrs. Clark.
30 Flag pole broke in pieces when lowered. Mollie is going to work for L. Camp.

May 1 We went to Chas. Ropp's this evening. Old John is over his drunk.
2 Our 8 lb. daughter made us her first visit at 11:20 A.M. Both doing well. Allie West came to work for us. Dr. Morrison, Mrs. Sipe, Mrs. Shaffstal waited on Frank. Mrs. Markle dressed baby. Mrs. Wheeler here.

1881

May 3 New sidewalk is building in town. I weighed 126 yesterday.
4 Wheeler intended to move today, but did not. His wife may leave him.
5 Johnson hauled a cord of wood and I piled it. Dr. Sipes and Morrison have moved into their office.
6 Sold calf for $4.25 to Simons. A great many in tonight. Allis gone to Camps. Wheeler moved today to Angola.
7 John went home. Sammy Lease got his shoes. Frank and baby doing well..
9 We named the baby Bertha Estella.
11 Mrs. Forrest has run off with her cousin.
13 Markle's store plastered.
18 I went to John Leases to buy a pig.
(Rest of month too pale to read.)

Jun 1 Baby getting better.
3 Grand opening at the lake today.
4 Frank Fifer hurt very bad today at Slaybaugh's raising. Picnic in grove tonight.
6 Got baby's cradle of Zimmerman. Frank's breast getting worse. Morrison got his boots.
7 Allie West and Flora VanCleef here in evening.
9 Ritter worked in shop. Frank's breast worse. Got bottle for baby and now she refuses the breast milk. Old cow gone again.
10 Doctor opened Frank's left breast and it discharged about two oz. Baby quit nursing it. Her mouth is some sore. Found cow 2 miles west of north church. Greene boy bit by a blue racer.
11 Frank wrote to Clara Tracey. Got one doz. eggs of Mrs. Alerton to set. Frank's breast better. Bertha well.
12 Wrote to Geo. Gib and I took a walk to Smatherses woods. Milo and Worthy Tuttle came up.
14 Johnson moving band hall. School averages about 8.
15 Bowers plowed potatoes. Thomas here. Ritter worked in shop.
16 R. Miller plowed potatoes over.
20 Mrs. CLink made Frank a visit.
22 Took Frank and Bertha up to mother's with Brown's rig.
23 Traded watches with A. Shaffstall. Frank Ritter worked in shop. I have to wash dishes now and it don't set very well. Took blue pill.
24 Last day of school. Will I ever teach again? Cleaned shop out some. Hoed corn. Traded watches with Ed. A. Buckmaster.
25 Bank reunion in town. Not very big crowd, I guess.
26 Gib, Will and I went fishing.

Jul 1 Reed Miller plowed out corn and potatoes.
2 Garfield shot this morning. Gib went to Waterloo and got a suit of clothes. Frank did Saturday work and visited Mrs. Ruth in the afternoon.
3 Visited Shaffstalls in afternoon. Hannah made us some lemonade.
4 Frank and I went to the lake with Parsell's horse and buggy. All were well. Jim made lots of money in the store. Tasted sardines for first.
5 Garfield still alive.
6 Mowed Ropp's yard for hay.
7 Mollie quit Camps.
8 Finished Abe Zonker's boots.
11 I wrote to Freiburger for more leather.
14 Cooler. Garfield getting better.
15 Frank Tuttle and Vira Kate T_____ here at 6 o'clock. Jennie married to Mr. Ward.

1881

Jul 17 George Free tended to the cow's foot.
18 Cow getting better. Traded for spy glass. Dr. Sipe went west.
19 I have pleurisy very bad in my left breast. Dr. Morrison here but left no medicine.
20 Fitted Bixler's shoes. Frank Ritter made his boots. Side not so sore.
24 Gib and I took a walk and looked at Dave Math--ey's house.
25 R. Cone and wife came through here today. E. Davis sick. Cow better. Cooler.
27 Gib starts to Advent meeting in _____ing.
29 Gib went home after staying 10 weeks and 4 days. I sincerely wish him good luck. Tent Advent meeting in town.
30 Lake boys beat Hudson boys playing ball.
31 Advent meeting calls _____. Ellis Miller burned at the Lake today.

Aug. 1 Mrs. Markle is almost sick abed. Garfield getting better. Hamilton has bought the Gray property and is fixing it up.
2 Advent meeting going on yet. Cow about well.
3 Shot with revolver at a mark with Ed Buckmaster.
5 I attended Advent Meeting. Intend to brighten up a little on the scriptures.
6 Luther Forward was drowned at Pleasant Lake last night. Ropp was struck in the head with sledge.
11 Advent meeting in progress yet. Received sample copy of Wit and Wisdom. Hamilton store progressing finally.
12 Traded revolver for bull's eye watch.
13 Dr. Sipes back from the west. Philip Mease got his boots. Picnic at the lake.
14 Frank went down to Stoehrs.
15 Elmer Slaybaugh very sick. Hamilton's store about done.
16 Helped dig Elmer Slaybaugh's grave. Received notes of Dr. Ruth to collect. Traded watches with Ed Mead.
17 Finished Lee Brugh's boots. Talk of renting parlor and parlor bedroom to Albert Markle. Traded clock to Ed Buckmaster for the use of his horse and buggy four days to go home with.
18 Received letter from Gib. He got a license for 18 months. Got my watch today.
19 Commenced pasturing cow in Meese's pasture. Wrote to Mrs. Forrest.
20 Made chattel mortgage for Wirick and J. Miller.
21 Mollie Miller called for the first since she worked here.
24 Clide Dole sick.
30 Dr. Hamilton moved into his store and has the nicest room in town.
31 J. Scoville in town.

Sept. 1 Marsh Johnson opened his store.
2 Mr. Baker dug my potatoes.
3 Will and Gib came. W. Grieves here. Hudson played Summit game of ball.
4 Sold old watch to Gib.
5 Grandpap Davis very sick.
6 Davis not expected to live.
7 Colored campmeeting at the lake. Grant Dunlap and Johnny Beck left the band. Also, Charles Dunlap.
8 Negro campmeeting at the lake. Ten cents admission.
9 Lasted Ella Ferguson's boots in evening. Leouy Clark here in the evening. Dr. Morrison and Dr. Hamilton had a fight. What folly. Caroline Kistler working at Markle's Cooler.
11 Played on accordian. Jim and Helen came.
12 Grandpap Davis still alive.

1881

Sept.13 Got more of Perry Davises pain killer made.
15 Mr. Skelly died this evening very suddenly.
16 Mollie quit here this evening.
17 Went to Waterloo with Bowers. Took dinner with Mr. Gray.
18 George G.W. Morris and I went to grave yard to take a walk.
19 Mother, Frank, Bertha and I went to Ft. Wayne in lumber wagon.
20 Garfield died last night.
21 Shorter died this morning very suddenly. Frank 32 yesterday.
22 F. Ritter worked in shop for me. Ira Allerton quite sick.
28 Will Miller and Alph Brugh had a fight today. Mr. Ruff not expected to live.
29 Jim Ruff buried this afternoon.
Oct. 1 Will Smathers and John Rupe had a fight. Dr. Morrison's fine and costs for striking Dr. Hamilton is $1.00.
3 Finished Emit Teeteres boots. F. Ritter worked on George Free's boots. There is a female minister in town. Her virtues but not her good looks will save her.
4 Postal from Broughton.
5 Alph Fisher got his boots.
6 Will Grieves here. We went to Markles in the evening.
8 Mina and Neal here. We went home with them. Scott Wisong got his boots. Will out to his mother-in-laws.
9 Mina and Neal brought us home.
10 Made George Free's boots and tonight he wore them. Meeting by the Methodists every night. The lady still preaches.
11 Bought steel yards today.
12 I and Lon Teeters went to UBADAM. Started at 6:15. Got back at 8.
13 Mrs. Dan Gonzer died today. Allie Markle got home. Bought knife.
14 Mrs. Gonzer buried today.
17 George commences school.
18 Received note to collect of Dr. Ruth against _. Ferguson.
19 Eddie Mead quit driving the cow.
20 Meeting still in progress.
21 Entered case of Ruff v. Mortorff on docket in evening.
22 Bertha and mother came and presented Bertha with a splendid cab.
23 Frank and I went to Hank Millses with Buckmaster's rig.
25 Received postal from Bert Rickard accepting Swan house.
26 It is reported that Chadwick is broke up.
27 Went to Skelley's in P.M. Received letter from Forrest.
31 Frank washed and helped Mollie Miller clean house. Albert Markle got his furniture. Grandpop Davis died.
Nov. 1 Received a very unbrother like letter from Gib. Grandpop Davis buried. Went to Albert Millers in evening.
2 Slaybaugh hauled a load of fodder.
3 Willard brought some chairs for Lawson.
4 Wrote to Dr. Ruth. Will at the Lake. New grocery in town.
7 Will came and starts a barber shop in back room. He cut one man's hair tonight.
8 Will made $1.20 and cut and shampooed my hair and shaved me.
9 Show in town and band played on street.
11 Big Bertha went home yesterday.
12 Traded axes with Free for 50¢.
16 Simons helped me butcher my hog which he thought would weigh 425 lbs. dressed. Auction in town.
17 Nettie Gillen married at Fulerton's today. Band serenaded them. Auction again.
18 Dutch told stories.
19 Traded accordian for a watch.

1881
Nov.20 Will went to church in evening.
24 Will received letter from Addie Baker.
25 Walked to Summit and went to Wayne on the 8 o'clock train. Came to father's. Found all well.
26 Came home on the 12 o'clock train. Will and Mina here.
28 Took two measures of George Libey for wood.
29 Will fitted Dr. Leispese's boots. (Probably Dr. Lipes. ww)
Dec. 1 Lipeses boots are too long. I have a summons 52 years old.
2 George Free told his exploits this evening. Guiteaus trial progresses.
3 Frank called on Mrs. Stoehr and visited the Ropps.
4 Dr. Lipes here awile in evening.
5 Will got his lip and face hurt bad while scuffling with A. West. Hissong hauled second load of fodder.
8 Borrowed Grosse's Surgery of Lipes.
10 Markle moved above their store yesterday. Received $35.00 of Sam Mortorff on account. Shooting match in town today.
11 Married Wilson Teeters and Jennie Snowberger at noon. Dr. Lipes here in P.M. Vie Ropp here.
12 W. Grieves and hand here for dinner.
13 State Board of Health have ordered all to be vaccinated for Small Pox.
14 Old Jimmy Long wanted law for Charles.
15 Jimmy after law again.
17 Read Guiteaus trial. Went to mill.
18 Frank and I went to Brughs in P.M.
19 Frank washed and dressed Uncle Jimmie's chicken. A.O. Hamilton in town.
21 Dr. Peters here again.
22 Wrote to Burt Rickard and Dr. Ruth. Read Guitos trial.
24 Will had Armenus West help him today. Concert again tonight.
27 George started for Summit at 7 A.M. F. Ritter worked for me in the shop. I vaccinated Lew Clark.
28 Mrs. E. Davis died yesterday. Leipes and Smathers argued politics.
29 Mrs. E. Davis buryed. Slaybaugh's boy better.
1882
Jan. 2 Leipes is threatened with slander by Davis.
4 It is reported that John Ringler and Flora VanCleve are married.
7 Received postal from Burt Rickard offering $200 for Swan house.
10 Letter from George and paper from father.
11 Wrote to Kirkwood and to Canada for agency of paper. Frank called on Mrs. Ropp, Mrs. Markle, Mrs. Simons, Mrs. Morrison, and Mrs. Camp.
12 Will finished Dave Frederick's boots.
14 Frank Ritter helping in the afternoon. Will very busy barbering.
15 Mollie Miller came to work for Frank. Will sleep with Will tonight. Mollie sleeps with Frank.
17 Protracted meeting still in progress. I keep so busy that I cannot attend. Will received a letter from some girl.
18 Mother's birthday. She is ok.
19 J.W. Miller in town.
20 Had a discussion with several teachers this evening.
21 Will had Mr. Downing to dinner with us. He signed up for the Herrald of Montreal which I am getting.
23 Will and mother went to Kendallville. WS.WK went hunting and had hunter's luck.
28 W.S. Ritter helped me.

1882

Feb. 3 Frank visited Mrs. Zimmerman. The lodge bought Camp's store.
4 Made deal for Camp.
5 We visited Ig__ Mead in P.M.
6 Took meat to Ropp's to smoke. Wrote to Uncle Abb.
7 H. Kistler commenced to paint inside. Ringler bought store that Zimmerman is in. (Note: Berniece Ringler Rowe copied from the Steuben Republican, dated Apr. 6, 1881, regarding Hudson "Messrs. Seiler & Ringler are receiving a new invoice of goods for Spring trade".
8 Traded revolver to Mrs. Downing for a watch. Traded watch chain for Royal Path of Life.
10 Made for Johnston and Brugh, also Frederick and Ringler. Frank visited Mrs. Morrison.
11 Guiteau to be hung June 30. Ringler has given up building.
12 Reed Miller and wife visited us. Charles Ropp and Vie here in evening.
13 Will worked on Emery Teals boots. Ringler sold to Hackathorn.
14 Hissong's horse fell in his cistern.
15 Ringler and Saunders changed buildings.
16 Acknowledged bond for Johnston and Brugh. Morrison bought of Davis Hotel property.
17 Wrote contract for Brugh and Teal. D. Frederick's boots did not fit. Day and Kistler finished graining all but last coat of varnish.
18 Traded watch for gun again. Will threw away his revolver. Trying to trade now for Buckmaster's buggy. Property changes fast now in Hudson.
20 Will worked on Da_ Frederick's boots.
22 Gave cow and $15 for buggy and harness. Will traded his watch for a horse and revolver. Was he shaved?
24 Mr. Downing went home - good luck to him.
25 Received a letter from H. McEntaffer. Band played on the street today.
27 Hackathorn commenced his new store.
28 Devore his watch and chain for a pair of boots.
Mar. 1 Hackathorn's store progressing nicely. Boys played trick on Davis.
4 Will talks of getting married. May he do well. Painting and graining house cost $19.50.
5 Mrs. Mead and Cora here in the evening.
7 Jesse Davis moved. Dutch Free has a lame back.
8 Hellen not very well.
9 Jim will go to Waukesha, Wisconsin, as soon as well enough. Some boys drunk today.
10 Will made Jess Smathers boots. Mr. Morrison, Davis and Teal have all moved. Dutch Free sick abed. Armenus West moved in Clark house. George Clark failed to settle docket.
11 Will received his engagement letter. John Rupe killed last night.
12 I wrote to Parish & Kirkwood about buying lot coal.
14 Will made McDowel's boots. Frank and I went to Ann Ropp's in the evening to the taffy party. Forty guests. The band favored us with music.
16 Received letter from Jim who is at Waukesha.
19 Frank and I went to church in forenoon.
20 Eli Heckathorn married yesterday.
21 Went to Mr. Saunders to oyster supper. Sixty in attendance.
23 Issued execution against George Clark.
25 Ropp's wife contemplates starting a millener's shop.
27 The boys had some fun with Lew Clark. They are moving the Gurnsey building.
29 Will went home. He expects to get married tonight to Sarah Larson. Ann Sockrider very sick.
30 Jim and Cal Vanauken took supper.

1882

Apr. 1 Brugh moved the little harness shop. The boys miss the barber.
2 I wrote to Lewis Price.
3 Walked to the lake in the morning to attend the election. Run for Justice again. Guess I am elected. Rode home with Haning. Jesse James shot at 8:30.
4 Bought Lot No. 3 of Kirkwood. Was elected Justice yesterday. Received letter from Hon. W. I. Colerich. Dutch Free had thirty dollars stole.
8 Ritter helped Hill put out garden for us.
9 Downing in town again.
10 Morrison building picket fence.
11 Allie Markle to Auburn. Received letter from Lewis Price.
12 John Shaffstall here in evening. Traded watches.
13 E. Davis sick.
14 Mrs. Sam Clark called on Frank today.
18 Received letter and tax receipt from Lewis Price of Albion. Will's wife sick. Traded watch for shot gun.
20 Clem and Eylmer went home.
21 Went spearing with C. Ropp and George Johnson.
22 Received postal from Hellen stating that Jim is worse. Three milliner shops in town.
23 Went to the Lake with Brown's rig.
28 Emory and Marsh Johnston had their at Angola today. (The meaning not clear nor given. ww)
29 Came home with the butcher. Telegraphed for Will and Clem and Gib who came at one o'clock.
30 Jake and I walked to the Lake. Found Jim very low.

May 3 Jake finished my boots. Harv here tonight.
8 Frank went to Mrs. Dole's and Mrs. Morrison's.
10 Soled Sanderses boots.
12 Traded watch for watch and gold chain to A. Shaffstall.
16 Luther Camp plowed my lots.
17 Henry Lawson staid with us last night.
18 Bought cookstove of Mrs. Battershall for $1.55.
20 Kendallville Nine played ball here. Ron Bacon one of them.
21 We went to Stoehr's. Omer Clark here for a hired girl. Oscar's wife had a girl yesterday.
23 Omer Clark here. No change in Jim's condition.
24 Mankin's show in town.
26 Bon Bacon called on me.

June 1 Will and Sarah came at 11 o'clock. He cut ten heads of hair in the afternoon.
9 Ham Tuttle here for supper.
10 Lon Teeters went out killing dogs.
11 I took a walk to the woods with Reed Miller.
13 McDowel gone to get himself a wife.
15 Wrote a deposition for Dr. Ward.
17 John Miller got his boots.
20 Hill hoed the potatoes. Downing has the measles.
24 Frank fainted this A.M. Cora Mead worked for her. Day and Stoehr got their shoes. Hackathorn and Johnson their boots.
27 Cora Mead came to work for us. Ed Mead cleaned my harness. Downing wants to learn the trade with me.
29 Received letter from Henry Lawson.
30 Jess Sockrider helped me. Gitteau hung at 12:40 and died without a struggle. His last necktie party.

July 1 Lou Clark tore sheeting from back room of shop. Myson Richison died.
4 Engaged Downing to work with me in the shop.
6 Will Miller and wife parted.
9 Jim passed away at 11:24 A.M.
10 Jim buryed at 2 o'clock. Had prayers, singing and obituary in accordance with his wishes.
14 New photograph gallery in town.
17 Swore Emra Teal on license for selling beer. Mr. Sherrow buryed today. Died of Bright's disease.

1882

Jul 18 Went to Tom Lowers for hired girl. Took Joe Rugg's measure. Forrest and Katy here.
20 Frank and Mrs. Morrison visited Mrs. Lang.
23 Went to Mother's. Had F. Johnston's horse.
28 Festival tonight.
31 Traded watch for horn. Bertha not very well.
Aug. 1 Hill finished lathing shop. Work coming in very fast.
2 Sensation in town. Lee Brugh and Albert Miller came very near having a fight.
5 John Thomas promises to work for me.
7 Thomas did not come. Cora gone to singing school.
8 Cora quit work at noon.
9 John Thomas came to work for me at noon.
10 Went to Shipes to get his girl. She will come Sunday.
13 Went after Mary Shimp to work for us. John Thomas has gone up to bed.
14 Mary washed and is very homesick. I came very near hitting Ed Mead for putting an awl under me.
15 Received letter from Uncle Marv. Small Pox bad up there in Mich.
18 Dr. Hamilton building a new barn. Geo. Free and Sq. Mead had some words.
20 Dave Ling and John Frederick's daughter married. Will and I jumped over a string.
21 Band went to serenade D. Ling.
22 Joe Landers put a coat of paint on outside of shop.
25 Went for doctor and women at 12:45 A.M. Boy here at 2:15.
27 George and I went to F. Dole's to see about Bertha. Frank's breast gathering again.
28 Mary left us. Hunted for another girl. Lou Swihart came to help us.
29 Waited on Frank all day. Her breast about the same. Lou Swihart does housework very well.
Sept.1 Tended Frank and baby. Elta Ruth staid here last night with Lou. John doing well in shop.
3 Will and Mina here. Also, Ham and Frank Tuttle. Named our son Albert Andrew.
6 Changed shop to Davises building. Mrs. Buckmaster had a boy at 9:15 A.M. Allie Markle got her piano. Lou gone.
7 Pounded hair and made my lungs very bad. Lou gone most all day.
8 John Sunday tore old plaster off shop. Tent dance in town tonight. Saloon opened today.
9 Lou went to the picnic. Hard time for sick women to get hired girls.
10 Lou gone most all day. George, Mila and Hellen Ritter here. Frank discouraged and is crying. The baby is sick. I'm afraid he is pretty bad. His bowels move so often.
11 Cora Mead came to work for us. Lou went home to visit her sister. I helped Greeno run off lime for shop.
12 Went to High Delers with Dr. Morrison to buy a cow. Baby no better. I'm afraid we will lose him.
13 Tat Morrison went with me to High Deller's after cow and calf.
14 Went to Striclands and Sq. Dodge for Bondsman on guardianship of Jim's children.
15 Baby better. Frank gaining. Traded watch with Joe Ruff for rifle.
19 Greeno and Baker built chimney in shop.
24 We were married six years ago today.
25 McDowel's baby buried.
26 Received threatening letter from Jose Mason.
27 Wrote to George and Jose Mason.
30 F. Hill cut corn in lot. Lots of work. I weigh 122.

1882

Oct. 1 Allie Markle just got home. Her brother some better.
2 Baby has diarrhea very bad and he is very sick.
3 Baby very bad. He has cramping spells and suffers terribly. We gave him mutton tallow and bismuth.
4 Our darling little Bert joined the angel band at 1:20 last night. We followed him to his little grave today at 3 o'clock. His sufferings are over. Will we ever meet him again? (Note: County Line Cemetery: Bertie Ketchum, son of Joseph & Frances Ketchum, 8/25/1882 - 10/4/1882; Ketchum, Infant son of Joseph & Frances Ketchum 3/29/1878; Joseph Ketchum 6/18/1854 - 7/15/1889. I understand that Frances was buried in the Pleasant Lake Cemetery with her Grieves family, since no space available with her husband and children in the County Line Cemetery. WW)
5 Johnny More in town.
7 Redman took calf away.
9 We think some of moving up to mother's.
10 VanAuken dead.
11 Hired Philips to work in shop.
12 Greeno finished plastering shop. Albert Markle will do chores while we are gone. (Going to his father's. ww)
13 Took dinner at Burt Rickard's.
14 Frank, mother, Sarah, Bertha and I went to Ft. Wayne. Staid at Will's all night.
15 Saw George Morris and had a visit with him.
16 We started for home at 8 A.M. and arrived here at 2 P.M. Philips commenced boarding with us.
17 John Tuttle and wife were here for dinner.
19 Mr. Philips commenced - sewed boot. His little girl is here tonight.
23 Mead finished most of shop. We moved back in it. Medical lecture in town tonight.
24 Wes took his little girl to Millersburg.
25 Wes got back this evening.
27 John and Frank Tuttle went through town.
28 Barbary Hackathorn struck by lightning.
30 Fixed up Uncle Jet's and our little babies graves.
31 Wes started for Millersburg to get his little girl.

Nov. 1 Joe Landers painted inside of shop.
2 Wes came back in evening. I went to hear Judge Roberson speak.
3 May Rodenbaugh moved in with Mrs. Mead. I weighed 129.
7 Went to election with R. Miller.
9 Had fainting spell in evening.
10 Not feeling well. F.M. Zimmerman back home.
22 Several of this place are getting ready to emigrate to northern Michigan.
25 Fred Howard started his pool table. Good attendance.
27 Parsell fixing addition to store. Henry Lawson here again. Pool table well used. Teal's beer case tried. He was fined $40. Cost $36.
28 Received letter from Aunt Hat. Perry Strickland hauled wood for me.
29 Dutch Free is up in Mich. Pool table in full blast.
30 Wedding at Zongkers.

Dec. 1 Made pattern for patent combination steel shank and counter supporter.
4 Made out pension papers for R. Miller and F. Johnson. - Sold Wes my watch.
6 Wes made a No. 12 boots for Philip Meese.
9 Mrs. Forrest commenced suit against Albert Markle for possession of her lot. Mr. Mead got back home from Mich.
10 Went to church. Mr. Chilcout here in evening.
13 Wes put first pair of counter supports in Bill Day's boots.
15 Gave new barber first job in town.

1882

Dec.18 Heard trial of Mrs. Forrest and A. Markle and decided in favor of Markle. It was my first case.

20 Party at Ferriers. Hank Kistler married recently.

1883

Sept.

18 Again after about one year's delinquency, I take up the hard task of keeping a diary and I shall now endeavor to keep faithful to the end.

Last Wed. we were gladdened by the appearance of Mother, Gib, and Aunt Hattie Guersney of Ionia, Michigan.

The next day we all attended the Soldier's Jubilee in the grove. We had a good time and a good visit, but failed to see the grand Sham Battle, for they had none. The next day my folks went home and Frank's came. I worked in the shop and Frank went to the Jubilee with Will and Mina. Frank and Berthawere thrown from the wagon, caused by the seat breaking and Frank was hurt quite bad in the shoulder and back.

Sunday the 16th, I finished reading Uncle Tom's Cabin, which I appreciated very highly.

Yesterday, Dr. Morrison and myself went in the country after elderberries. Frank's arm is very sore, but she is doing her own work. Today I dug 3 baskets of potatoes and worked in the shop some.

19 Our darling Bertha is becoming a great comfort to us. She talks everything about as plain as a grown person.

20 Westley Philips commenced working in the shop for me on the 5th inst. and we have been very busy since. Summer Bixler married Neva Brugh.

21 Frank's shoulder is quite painful yet. Sq. Mead sold his property to Mr. John Dole for $900.00.

23 Wes and I went to the Reunion grounds. We all threw an iron ring at a board of iron pins. Played some on accordian.

25 Acknowledged deed for John Ruff and Wick Parsell.

27 Will Grieves here and got the old musket that I sold him for $2.50.

28 Frank's mother was here and wants to come and live with us. I am afraid that it will cause trouble in the end, but I shall do what I consider to be my duty the aged and infirm, and then meet the consequences as they present themselves.

29 With Dan Chilcoat's help, I finished digging my potatoes ...had about 35 bushels.

30 Went up to mother's after Frank. Wes went along as far as Fredericks.

Oct. 3 Dan Hanning and wife were thrown out of their wagon. Mrs. Hanning's arm was broken. Dan's ribs injured enough to sober him off. Joe Zongker wore his new boots for the first.

6 School meeting tonight in the new school house which was completed today. I have opposition now. Heller has come.

7 Wes and I took a walk down to the cane mill and saw the saw mill.

10 Received a letter from Gib. He went to Ft. Wayne to see McDonald hung.

11 I paid Dave Heckathorn on notes and for planing lumber. All I owe now in this world is for leather.

12 Vage Hill and Barbary Hackathorn married night before last.

20 George Johnston put our potatoes and apples in Ropp's cellar.

21 Mollie Miller took dinner with us.

1883 (Oct. continued)
24 Got 454 pounds of cabbage for kraut.
25 George Johnston made our kraut. Lew Clark staid all night with me.
26 I went to Mother's sale. John Tuttle was there. Frank Tuttle and Josie Mason came just as we were starting for home. I feel as if I had been to my own funeral.
29 Mother and Will brought down a load of goods.
30 Went to Will Mead's and bought his harness tools. Buryed cabbage in saw dust. Mother came to live with us.
31 Painted harness sign and did general tinkering.
Nov. 3 Made out a deed for Lee Brugh and Johnny Moore.
13 Made out deed and mortgage for J. Ruff and Huberty, and acknowledged Guardian report for Smather's.
14 Mrs. Sam Clark very sick. Old Heller is on the town. John Andrews is dead. Received a letter from father.
20 Show in town. Too wet to go.
22 Received a letter from Sq. Mead.
23 Went to Ropps for potatoes and tumbled Mrs. Ropp's yeast jug down the stair steps. O, what a mess it made, but it did not break the crock.
24 Frank Wolf left here and failed to pay his creditors. He beat me $1.15 besides leaving a $6.50 pair of boots on my hands.
26 We all went over to Stoehrs in the afternoon. Mat and I took a walk. Wes had an oyster supper last night at George Frederick's.
28 Thanksgiving. Had a roast chicken.
Dec. 1 Went to Huntertown in the afternoon. Found the folks well. Clem is married to Will's divorced wife.
3 Came home on the noon train. Uncle Marve and Mr. Ira Leiter came from Michigan.
4 Uncle Marve visited in the country and staid all night with Dave Hackathorn.
5 Made out pension papers for Morrison.
6 Made out pension papers for S. Ferguson.
9 We went to church. Joe Miller preached.
11 It is rumored that Charles Ropp and Vie have parted. Received letter from father. Gerry Wheelock died last night.
15 Will Grieves here for dinner.
16 C. Ropp here in evening. We had a good time.
18 Protracted meeting up north.
19 Will Grieves here for dinner. Mother went home with him and will start for Elkhart tomorrow.
22 F. Howard started up new pool room.
25 We had a roast chicken for dinner. Children's dinner at the Methodist Church.
27 Wrote to Mrs. Forrest and to John Wood about trading my Swan property to them. Allen Dunten took dinner with us.
29 Made out proposal and Bond for mail rout for Mort Hacathorn. Traded fiddle for revolver 32 in. long. Made deed and mortgage for conveying Mr. Stoehr's property to Allen Brugh.
31 Protracted meeting at the Methodist church. Frank and I have gone two evenings.

1884
Jan. 1 Neal Scripture shot four rabbits.
5 Some say it was 24 degree below zero this A.M.
7 Wes on a bender. I have concluded to do all my work myself after this week.
10 Mrs. Forrest's mother d. yesterday at Edgerton, Ohio.
11 Protracted meeting at the M.E. church. Large crowds while the sleighing lasts.
12 Wesley Philips quits work for me today.

1884 (Jan. continued)
14 Made a deed for Emory Johnston and Lee Brugh and mortgage for Hanning and Lon Teeters.
16 Wrote an agreement for Ropp and Wagner. It is the hardest times I've seen since I've been here.
20 Mr. and Mrs. Landers here in the evening.
21 Took my first lesson on the violin. Mrs. Green is not expected to live.
23 Attended Mrs. Green's funeral.
27 I went to the Tamarack swamp to get wax to make me some lung medicine.
29 Ally Shaffstall is auctioneering off Vie Ropp's milliner goods. Frank attended in the evening.
31 Vie Ropp took supper with us. Traded my revolver to C. Leong for his rifle. Jake Snyder had his sale.
Feb. 3 Hired Hanning's horse and we went to Huntertown. Mother and Will's wife are not very well.
4 Will and I went to Swan. Bargained my house and lot to O. Broughton. Staid with Will tonight. Found Frank's mother here. She came Sunday.
5 Started for home at 8 A.M. Stopped in Auburn and bought Frank and Bertha each a pair of shoes.
7 Made a powder horn.
9 We all went to the lecture on America and its Progress by Bart Bigler. Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Cotwell married.
10 Moller Miller and Ray Town took dinner with us.
20 Somebody broke lights from the hardware store, the post-office and the saloon and stole about $40 worth. Wrote a search warrant but they did not serve it. Some tracks but no certain clue.
21 Sold my old harness to C. Ringler for $5.00.
25 Charles Ropp started for Kansas. So did Snyder and family. Wes and Frank Hill cut wood for me in Zwiling's woods.
29 Made Quit Claim Deed for A. Fulerton, W. H. Day.
Mar. 4 Made out three pension papers. L. Hill and John Hackathorn sawed wood for me.
6 More's hotel caught fire but was put out.
7 Hill hauled me a load of straw and W. H. Day used the the team in the afternoon.
8 Show in town tonight. Milo came this evening to make us a visit.
9 Frank and I took Milo to Shoemaker's Corners.
10 Wes made Slaybaugh's boots. Simons hauled two loads of wood for me.
12 Ol Camp hauled me another load of hay. Both schools today with an exhibition at the south church. Reed Miller and Albert Markle back. Made out Reed's pension papers
13 Sold my team and harness to John Ruff for $125. Did not not sleep until after .... on account of my cough.
14 (Cough kept him awake again.)
15 Sold my hay to Johnny Moore. Made deed from Susana Zongker to Ed. Teeters of lots 89 and 92 in Zongker's addition. Joe Myers, Sr. started for Kansas.
18 I'm afraid there is trouble ahead about keeping mother, for Frank says she cannot stand the work. Frank is not very well.
20 Made out two Quit Claim deeds, one Warranty deed and Release of Mortgage for Dole, Davis, Buckmaster, Sock-rider and Cy.
23 I and Harry Diffenbaugh went to the woods to look at my wood. Mother went to Temperance Lecture in the evening. The report is that Mr. Parsell made himself a little conspicuous.
24 Went to Adam Deckman's and made out a mortgage. The old lady signed it.
25 Mother and Frank had a fall out. They had concluded that they cannot live together.
27 Traded my old wagon for a 22 long Colt revolver to Ella Ferguson. Frank has concluded to let Mother try it once more.

1884

Apr. 2 Auction of Hardware in town. I think it is an imposition on the town.
5 Mother got spunky and left on double quick. I feel sorry for her for her own sake, but she has lived with me for the last time.
8 Mother and Will came down. Mother will live with Will, hereafter. Mother deeds him her farm and he binds himself to keep Mother during her natural life and also to pay Frank $100 one year after mother's death. We sign away our dower in mother's estate.
10 Sam Clark hauled me 15 loads of manure.
12 Am not feeling very well. Almost died last night with a sore throat.
17 Mina Diffenbaugh got her leg broken today while playing at school. Ack. Dr. Morrison's Salem ____ poor Bond. Got George Free's shot gun. Landers whitewashed for us today.
19 Mrs. Landers helped Frank clean house.
20 Frank, Bertha and I were to Rean Shoemaker's. Milo and his children were to the Lake. We went after them.
22 Sam Kanaga buryed.
23 Someone drilled, opened Mr. Parsell's safe and took $80. No clue.
24 Frank Ritter mended for me.
26 Simons and George Parsell got the nicest lot of fish of the season last night.
27 Big fire in Zwilling's west woods. Went over and helped save wood.
28 Went fishing this evening with F. Howard and William Smathers. Had good luck.
29 Expect to attend German school tonight.
30 Helped Mart Heckathorn haul wood from the woods.

May 2 Ritter went home.
5 George Parsell, George Simons and Dr. Morrison were subpoenaed to appear in Angola tomorrow to testify on fish crimes.
7 I'm getting so I can read and translate German quite well.
8 George Simons, George Parsell and Ann Ropp are indicted for spearing fish.
9 George Parsell pleaded guilty and it cost him $19.90.
10 Ropp and Simons pleaded guilty and it cost them $11.50 each.
20 Frank and Bertha went to Charlton's woods and got a nice mess of mushrooms.
24 Made deed for Brugh.
25 Gib has been suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs.
27 Mrs. Wm. Price took supper with us. P. Meese is past recovery from cancer.
30 Our town observed Decoration day today.

June 4 Viva Ketchum is 16 years old today.
8 Neal Scripture and I went fishing.
14 Went to Sq. Hodges to Et. amt. of judgment against Hosea Dayhuff. Huberty paid me $20.
17 Will Ketchum and Sarah came here at noon.
18 I am 30 years old today. Hathaway and I went spearing last night.
23 Went to Hosea Dayhuff's after dinner. He gave me a cow for judgment against him, which I bought.

July 7 Gib and Ida went home. Huberty paid me $15.
10 Let the job of building me a barn to A. Ropp.
18 Josie Mason and Jennie Thurston came to see us. Jennie staid. Her baby is 20 mo. old and a fine looking girl.
19 Ice cream social in town tonight.
20 Took a walk with Albert Miller.
24 Albright's barn burned by lightning.

1884 (July continued)
25 Heller finished John Kimmel's harness.
31 John Shaffstall took Jennie and her baby up to Will Grieveses. John says that Will and Mina have made up and that Mina has come back.

Aug. 5 The boys pass their time flying kites.
7 The Republicans are preparing their liberty pole today.
9 The Republicans raised a liberty pole. W. Grieves and wife and mother and Jennie Thurston and baby to supper with us.
10 Frank very poorly.
11 Frank Hill hauled out manure pile.
12 Sam Leas making stable of his ice house.
13 Mr. Meise, the harness maker came to town.
16 The Democrats had a meeting to prepare for speeches and raising a pole. I was appointed one of the committee to engage speakers. Tent show in town tonight.
18 Went to see Dan Gonser about engaging speakers. W.S. Heller worked on harness.
19 Frank feeling quite bad. Engaged Nettie Clark to work for us at $2.00 a week.
23 Philip Meese still living.
27 Sold calf to J. Smathers for cow pasture.
28 Rained. Heller sick.
30 There is a pole raising at Stones Corners today. A hickory 152 feet long will be raised.

Sept.4 Wes Philips came back and is to stay all night with us. We were all glad to see him.
11 Democratic pole raising today. Two thousand people in attendance. Pole 21 inches across butt and stands 150 feet above ground. One pulley rope broke, otherwise everything went off smoothly. Finished raising pole at 5 O'clock after which Mr. Blair, Mr. Kelly, Mr. King, and the Hon. Robert Lowery favored us with short speeches. The Republicans looked Blue.
12 Helped take speaker's tent down. Heller worked in shop. Frank kept abed most all day.
15 Wes Philips worked in shop and so did Heller.
19 Freeman Kelly and Gen. Ca__s Blair spoke in town this evening.
20 Republican pole raised at Stones Corner. Republican delegation went from here. Frank is 36 today. Mother presented her with a new bed and with a looking glass.
22 Mother washed. Frank feeling a little better today.
24 H. Hackathorn took away his harness.
25 Could see the Balloon as it arose from the Fairground at Waterloo.

Oct. 2 Mrs. Jane Brown received a pension certificate today entitling her to $1896.80 pension. The course of politics never did run smooth. Joe Landers and Will Mead were changing residences today and were nearly through when A. Ferrier and Company steps up and hires them to remain where they were until after election. Frank taken sick at 4 A.M. and our girl visited us at 12:12 PM. No one present but Dr. Morrison, Mother and I. Mrs. Shaffstall came about 5 minutes late. After Mrs. Shaffstall had dressed the baby, found it weighed 8 lb. 6 oz. We will raise her entirely on the bottle.
4 Went to Cass Townses and got Mollie Miller to come and work for us.
10 Mollie went home today.
17 Heller commenced suit against W. Ferrier for blacking his boy's feet, but concluded to withdraw it.

1884 (Oct. continued)
18 Frank and Bertha named the baby Ada Grieves Ketchum.
19 D. Dole and wife made us a short visit.
21 Huberty paid the balance of his note.
25 Went to Angola to attend the Democratic Convention. Went with D. Hackathorn and came home with Mart Leas.
26 Mrs. Markle and Vie Ropp called today. George Parsells have another male heir.
28 W. Wirick speaks for Prohibition at the S. House this evening.
30 Mother went home. Tat Morrison took her.
Nov. 2 Mrs. Bankman called. Bertha and I went with C. Camp to see fodder.
3 Some bigoted galoot cut the rope on the Democratic pole last night. Also, ran up some crepe.
8 Good news to Democracy today. I am now satisfied in in my own mind that Cleveland is elected.
11 Finished sewed boots for Ed Diffenbaugh. Wagoner and Diffenbaugh moved.
12 Fire broke out last night at 7 o'clock in Hamilton's building and burned that and Hackathorns and Parsells store buildings. It looked for awhile as if the whole town would go. The heat turned the side of Mrs. Ruth's building yellow. It will be a hard blow to our little town.
14 Bill Smith brought us a nice mess of sausage and meat. Hackathorn talks of building another store better than the first.
15 Bargained for W. Ferrier's _____.
17 Invoiced drugs. Dr. Morrison helped me and H. Lawson helped. He is to let me have the staple goods at cost and the rest as we can agree and then deduct 15 off from that and take $100 yearly payments until all is paid.
19 Changed my shop for Marsh Johnston's buildings and Henry Lawson helped me clean it and set up the drugs. Had 80 cents trade.
21 Worked shop and helped Henry arrange back rooms. Got cigar case in and treated about 75. The store looks well.
22 Took in $4.20 so far in drug store.
23 Got new suit of clothes of Parsell for $14.00.
27 Received letter from George Young. Bought 512 lb. hog of H. Ferrier for $16.63.
28 Sent for 85 lbs. of candy.
29 Little girl at Harry Diffenbaughs this morning. L. Camp hauled my fodder.
Dec. 3 Received letter from F. M. Zimmerman. Hamilton and Hackathorn getting material to build again.
9 Old Mother Davis died.
13 W. Philips talks to starting store in opposition to me.
16 Philips commenced new shop today.
18 Bought W. Ferrier a pair of felt boots.
21 Vie Ropp visited us most all day.
26 The hotel took fire but was extinguished.

1885
Jan. 1 Donation Mr. Gaft's today.
(Much later before Mr. Ketchum resumes his diary.)
Mar. I was taken with the measles and capillary bronchitis on the 12th of March and did not tend store again for 3 weeks. Frank was taken with malarial fever on the 26th of March and confined to the bed for one week. While she was sick abed both of the children were the worst with the measles. Mrs. Free and Frank's mother helped us and it was really a blue time for us.
May 11 Ice froze last night a quarter of an inch thick, but quite pleasant today.
(July 1885 through to July 16, 1886, apparently in charge of the Post Office. He died July 15, 1889. ww)

Joseph Ketchum, dealer in drugs, tobaccos, stationery, etc., Hudson, Ind., was born in Huntertown, Allen Co., Ind., in 1854. He was reared and educated in his native town, and when nineteen years of age began teaching, and has taught nine years in Allen, Noble and Steuben counties. He learned the trade of a shoemaker of his father in his youth and plied that vocation during his vacations, and after abandoning the school-room devoted his attention to it till October, 1884. He moved to Hudson in June, 1877, and has since made this his home. In October, 1884, he embarked in his present business on North Main street, where he keeps a complete stock of everything in his line. He is an obliging, courteous gentleman, and is building up a good trade. He was married in 1876 to Francis Grieves, daughter of Thomas Grieves, of Steuben Township. They have had four children; but two are living—Bertha and Ada. Two children died in infancy.

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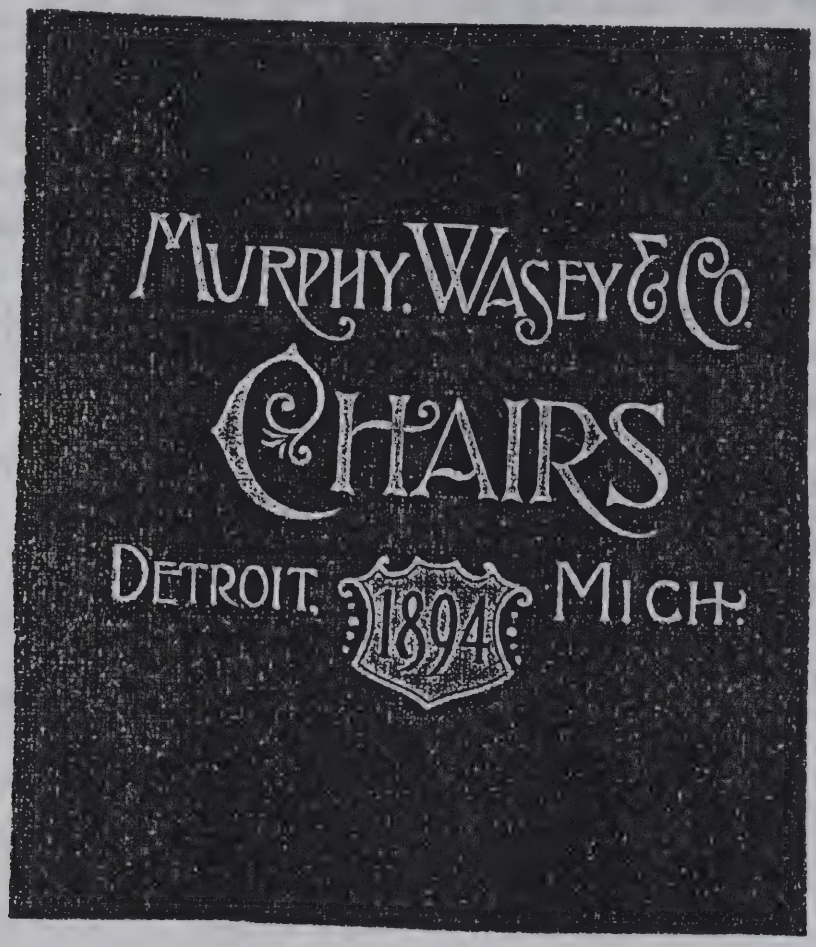
ADA KETCHUM'S FIRST SCRAP BOOK

Jan. 1897 to May 1898

Note: Below is a partial copy of the cover of Ada Ketchum's first scrapbook. In later years she penned inside the cover "This is my first scrap book followed through the years with 30 or 40 more". The book had originally been a chair catalog, and the twelve year old Ada pasted on the inside pages clippings of local news, poems and articles that were meaningful to her. Using a sturdy catalog or old ledger in this way was a common practice in those days.



Most of the items are not dated, but we can assume that the dates were within the above time period that Ada had written inside the book. I have followed the order that the items appeared except for items, such as poems that were significant to her at that time, but were not necessarily current, and not all of them have been used. We do see from them her interest in history, sensitivity to pain and loss, and her sense of humor.

Some pages didn't lend themselves to photocopying and had to be typed.

Ada Ketchum Strock's son, Carl, made the diary available.

Wava Rowe White

Prof. Seth S. Avery
Teacher in the White School House
on Salemonside-Grade School.

THE BABY'S ADMIRATION FOR MAMMA.

Returning from Oregon early this summer, our editor became acquainted and traveled several days with Dr. A. E. McDonald of Boston, author of "In The Gloaming" and the following beautiful poem, which he repeated, and it was written down while the cars were whirling over the Rocky Mountains at a frightful rate of speed.

I love you, darling mamma, because you are so good;
You wash my face and comb my hair and give me such nice food,
You speak to me so kindly, you watch me while I play,
You tell me little stories, and you teach me how to pray.

You are a blessed mamma, with face so kind and sweet,
You look just like an angel, you are so very neat;
I know that papa loves you too, for when he says his prayers,
He asks the Lord to bless his wife and lighten all her cares.

know you love the Savior, mamma, for always when you pray,
Your voice becomes so gentle, and such loving words you say;
'm sure he listens to you, mamma, for then I think I hear
The rustling of the angels' wings, and feel their presence near.

How nice it is, mamma, to know that we shall one day soar
On golden wings, to that blest home where sorrows are no more;
To see the Savior on his throne, in robes of glory clad,
To meet with friends who've gone before—then won't we all be glad?

But hark! mamma, whose step is that? 'tis papa's on the stairs.
He's coming up (how glad I am!) to hear me say my prayers,
And when I'm done I'll kiss you both, then mamma you'll undress me,
You'll tuck me in my little bed, and ask the Lord to bless me.

When a man comes home at three o'clock in the morning, and after puttinghis umbrella to bed, goes and stands behind the door 'till morning' it is time that man was swearing off.

Prof. Avery, of near Pleasant Lake, attended the commencement exercises last Friday evening.

The Epworth Bible class will meet next Monday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Misses Groosbeck and Ewing. The lesson is the life of King David, and has been assigned as follows: David's youth and fight with Goliath. 1st Samuel 16 and 17th chapter; Bertha Ketcham.

David at Samuel's house, 1st Samuel 18th chapter, Mamie Furguson.

David and Jonathan, 1st Samuel 19th chapter. Della Snyder.

David's escape from Saul, 1st Samuel 20th chapter. Maud Frederick.

David's transgression of the Law and its results. Was it justifiable? 1st Samuel 21st and 22nd chapters. Rev. Westhafer.

Miss Lula Mason, of Pleasant Lake, attended commencement exercises the guest of her cousin Miss Bertha Ketchum.

Miss Jennie Groosbeck, of Turkey Creek, and Miss Allie Ewing, of Angola, attended commencement exercises here last Friday evening.

School Notes

Have you seen the new dictionary?

Did you miss the afternoon session Tuesday, on account of the rally?

Prof. Bradner spent Sunday with Prof. Eichholtz at Spencerville, DeKalb county.

The University Association Club meets at J. K. DeBolt's, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Mr. Belyea having moved his family to the Gonser property east of town, Albert and Lulu will attend school at Ashley. We are sorry they have left our midst and our best wishes go with them.

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The Junior Epworth League will give a social at the home of their leader, Miss Niswander, next Saturday evening. Everbody invited.

Arbor day was celebrated last Saturday evening with appropriate exercises. As they were held in the forenoon, the attendance was not as large as it would've been in the afternoon. The graduates of our school planted a very nice tree.

The ice cream social given by the Junior League was a success both socially and financially. The proceeds amounted to over $6.00.

A Receipt.

TAKE a lot of good nature and plenty of fun,
And stir them up often together;
Then once in a while add a sweet, sunny smile—
'Twill make brightness in dreariest weather.

HANDKERCHIEF SIGNALS.

Here Is the Code Which Lovers Are Now Using to Communicate with in Public.

The handkerchief has ever since its inception been used as the signal flag of love. The following is the standard code of handkerchief signals:

1. Pressing the handkerchief against the lips—"Wish to become acquainted with you."
2. Wiping the eyes with it—"I am very sorry."
3. Letting it fall—"Let us become friends."
4. Holding it with both hands—Indifference.
5. Rubbing a cheek with it—"I love you."
6. Drawing it through the hands—"I hate you."
7. Holding it against the right cheek—"Yes."
8. Holding it against the left cheek—"No."
9. Twisting it with the left hand—"Get away from here."
10. Twisting it with the right hand—"I love another."
11. Folding it—"I want to speak with you."
12. Throwing it over the right shoulder—"Follow me."
13. Holding it at opposite corners—"Wait."
14. Holding it against the forehead "We are watched."
15. Holding it to the right eye—"You are changed."
16. Holding it to the left eye—"You are cruel."
17. Wrapping it around the index finger—"I am engaged."
18. Wrapping it around the middle finger—"I am married."
19. Making it into a ball and closing the hand on it—"I am impatient."
20. Touching the right eye with it—"Repeat your last signal."
21. Putting it into the pocket—"Enough for the present."

ORIGIN OF THE DOLLAR.

Previous to July 6, 1785, the English pound was in use in the United States. On that date the Continental Congress established the dollar, although the exact weight was not fixed until August 8, 1786, when it was made to equal about that of the old Spanish dollar. The dollar did not originate with the Spanish, but was first coined at Joachimsthal, a mining town in Bohemia.

Obeying Pleasantly.

"Aunt Mary," said Harry, "may I go up to the top of the house and fly my kite?"

"No, Harry, my boy; I think that is a very dangerous sort of play."

"All right; then I'll go out on the bridge," said Harry.

"Harry, what are you doing?" said his mother one day.

"Spinning my top, mother."

"Can't you take the baby out to ride?"

"All right!" shouted the boy, as he put his top in his pocket and hastened to obey.

"Uncle William, may I go over to the store this morning?" said Harry.

"Yes, Harry," said his uncle; "I shall be very glad to have you go."

"But I can't spare you to-day," said his mother; "I want you to go out with me."

"All right," said Harry.

No matter what Harry was asked to do, or when refused, his constant answer was, "All right." He never asked, "Why can't I?" or, "Mustn't I?" Harry had learned to obey in good humor.—*Christian Observer.*

BIBLE BRIGADE.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. A false witness shall not be unpunished. (Prov., 19: 9.)

Esau is the first red man spoken of in the Bible.

There are eight kinds of kisses mentioned in the Bible: Salutation, 1 Samuel, 20:41; Valediction, Ruth, 1:9; Reconciliation, 2 Sam., 14:33; Subjection, Psalms, 2:12; Approbation, Prov., 24:26; Adoration, 1 Kings, 19:18; Treachery, Matt., 26:49; Affection, Gen., 45:15.

1. What kind of yarn did Solomon bring from Egypt?—Lizzie M. A. Hewlett.
2. What three miracles did Moses work?—Lou M. Staring.
3. How many books of the Bible are named for women?—Helen P. C. Norton.
4. What King ate grass like the oxen and had nails like birds' claws?—Nellie E. Ballou.

COMMENCEMENT. 1896.

An event of much interest to the citizens of Hudson and vicinity occurred at the M. E. church on Friday evening, June 12, the occasion being the graduation of a class of twenty from the Salem township schools. Long before the ringing of the bell the approaches to the church were filled with people anxious to gain admittance. Promptly at 7:30 o'clock the doors were opened and the church was filled with a good-natured and orderly company of people, scores turning away unable to gain admittance. The class met at Dr. Hamilton's, and headed by the school officials marched to the church.

After a selection by Lacey's Orchestra and an Invocation by Rev. Westhafer, each member of the class delivered a three minute production all of which were well prepared, and many deserving special mention, did our space permit. M. F. Wright with few well chosen and appropriate remarks presented the diplomas to the Salem graduates and was followed by Dr. Hamilton who presented those of the Hudson class.

The class address by Prof. L. W. Fairfield was in his characteristic vein and was highly appreciated by the class and the audience. The must frequent comment being that "it was not long enough."

After the benediction, pronounced by Rev. J. H. Albright, the class were the recipiants of many floral tributes, books and other tokens of regard from admiring relatives and friends.

Especial mention should be made of the elegant little floral souvenirs presented to each member of the class by Mrs. Chas. Kirkland. Taken all-in-all the occasion was most enjoyable and will be long remembered by the participants. The following is the program:

Music.....Orchestra.
Invocation.....Rev. E. B. Westhafer.
Salutatory,
Paraphrase, "How is success won?" Chester Klink.
Class History.....Della Snyder.
Oration, "Rum Against Water," Dessie Metz.
Recitation, "Youth,".....Etta Ringler.
Oration, "Musings,".....Grace Skelly.
Oration, "Higher,"....Worthy Shuman.
Oration, "A Rambler in the Woods." Pearl Leas.
Piano Duett,..... Florence Day. Bertha Ketchum.
Oration, "Dark Clouds,"...Mattie Clink.
Selected Oration, "True Culture," George Noll.
Oration, "Luck or Pluck?" Hurma Brugh.
Oration, "What Then,"..Maude Doerrer,
Parody, "Its Good Enough for Me." Vesta Kimmell.
Selection.....Orchestra.
Oration, "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Rules the World..Eva Kimmel.
Oration, "Indiana," .....Bert Libey.
Oration, "Advantages,".Bertha Henning.
Oration, "Launched But Not Anchored," Leone Miller.
Oration, "Six Little Pickles," Maud Skelly.
Oration, "Ambition," Valedictory, Fred Kirkland.
Class Address, Prof. L. W. Fairfield.
Presentation of Diplomas, M. F. Wright. F. Hamilton.
Selection, - - - - Orchestra,
Benediction, - Rev. J. H. Albright.

FEMININE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT.

It is often asked how stout a woman ought to be in proportion to her height. A very young girl may becomingly be thinner than a matron, but the following table gives a fair indication of proportions:

	Pounds.		Pounds.
Five feet in height... about	100	Five feet seven inches ab't	150
Five feet one inch... "	106	Five feet eight inches "	155
Five feet two inches.. "	113	Five feet nine inches "	163
Five feet three inches "	119	Five feet ten inches.. "	169
Five feet four inches "	130	Five feet eleven inches "	176
Five feet five inches "	138	Six feet..... "	180
Five feet six inches "	144	Six feet one inch.... "	186

The following History of Hudson was printed on purple paper and difficult at this time to read. Good photo-copies could not be made. However, since it is in columns, it was probably published in a newspaper or magazine in 1897, or earlier, and should be fairly accurate.

Wava Rowe White

HISTORY OF HUDSON
Together with a Write-up of the
Town, Churches, Lodges,
etc.

The town of Hudson was first platted by Elizabeth Clark and others, in the month of August 1869, and Fergueson, Fullerton and Ropp made some additions to the original plat. These were all on section 31, township 36, range 13.

Leander Brugh and Joseph Zongker after a short time made additions on section 36, township 36, range 12.

Hudson was intended for a large town, being situated on the line of the prospective Canada Southern Railroad, but did not begin to grow much till after the building of the Chicago branch of the Wabash System, but since that time it has grown rapidly, and is now doing a thriving business, being surrounded by a very fertile country. It has more than doubled its population since 1885, its population now being 1,000.

In 1855, Joseph and John Miller erected a saw mill, just south of town which is now owned and operated by David Hackathorn. In 1865, Michael Miller opened a small store near the mill; after a time Miller sold his store to Ira Allerton, who increased the stock of goods, and in 1867, sold to Keller & Son, these were the first business enterprises of what is now Hudson. In 1867, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark caused to be laid out nine half-acre lots on the southwest quarter of section 31, in Steuben Township.

These lots were platted and placed on record and called the village of North Benton, though it is generally known as Hudson, the name of the postoffice.

Ira Allerton erected the first house on the plat, which he sold to a man named Davis, who opened a small store in a part of the house; at about the same time Mr. Keller opened a store on the plat, he having purchased a lot of Mrs. Clark, and erected a store building. The most important part of the village of Hudson, and the part on which are all business houses of the town, is Brugh's addition, the history of which is as follows:

In the spring of 1873, when work was in progress on the proposed Chicago & Canada Railroad, Leander Brugh engaged E. N. Woodford, of Metz, then Surveyor of Steuben County, to survey into village lots twenty-two acres of the southeast quarter of section 36, extending on the east to the township line, between Salem and Steuben Townships.

This plat was the farm of Mr. Leander Brugh, who was the proprietor of the plat. The only buildings on the

survey were the dwelling and barn of Mr. Brugh.

The prospect of an early completion of the railroad was then quite favorable, and lots at once were in great demand.

The first business lot was sold by Mr. Brugh to Ira Allerton, sho immediately began the erection thereon of a two-story store building; and Mr. Allerton opened the first store early in the fall of 1873.

The second was sold immediately after to J. S. Moore, of Auburn, who immediately began the erection of a hotel, which was completed and occupied in 1874.

Several residences were built in 1873, and completed at about the same time.

Dwellers were erected in the summer by Dr. E. Baker, David Ferrier, Daniel Dole, Ira Allerton and a few others.

The first wagon-maker was Nelson H. Way, who in 1874, erected a shop on lot No. 2. the first blacksmith was Jacob Slaybaugh. The first cabinet shop was opened by J. Pensinger; not long after another cabinet shop opened was by J. Shaffstall, who is still in the business.

The first drug store was opened by Dr. Miller in 1874, who continued in the drug and grocery business for several years, and then removed to Farmer's Center, Ohio.

William Hibbards was the first harness maker. The first hardware store was owned by Henry Sanders, in 1880, who continued for several years, and sold out to Harry Diffinbaugh, after which Metz and Wallace took possession, and was run by this firm for a time, when Metz sold his interest to W. V. Britton, who is still a partner, and is now owned by Wallace & Britton.

David Ferrier was the first Post Master of Hudson and was succeeded by H. K. Leas. Then came Frank Zimmerman, who was succeeded by John H. Wagner, after which came Joseph Ketchum, who held the office for a term, and then H. G. Garmire the present incumbent.

Fred Howard Had three billiard tables in this building, which was burned, involving quite a heavy loss to Mr. Howard.

Bakery in 1895. The back shop of William Rline was burned in 1895.

PRESENT BUSINESS FIRMS

Those now in business in Hudson are C. E. Kirkland & Co., dry goods, groceries, boots & shoes; Wallace & Britton, Hardware; J. Shaffstall & Son, Furniture dealers and Undertaking; H. G. Garmire, Harness; J. D. Headley, grocery and meat market; L. A. Henning, grocery; J. H. Wagner, druggist; C. H. Secor, druggist & jeweler; S. W. Bixler, restaurant; E. E. Clark, restaurant; A. L. McDowell, blacksmith; W. H. Miller, blacksmith; Miss Maud Frederick, milliner; David Failor, barber; I. A. Hathaway, taxadermist and barber; William G. Kist, editor; J. W. Miller, planing mill, feed grinder and repair shop; F. C. Hamilton and A. J. Kimmel, physicians.

SCHOOLS

A building south of the village, used as a schoolhouse was destroyed by fire in 1874; an old frame building furnished with old fashioned wooden benches, was then occupied as a schoolroom for about two years.

In 1876 or 1877, a frame building, now known as the "white schoolhouse" was erected in the central part of the village in Salem township. About ten years ago, the enrollment having increased, a brick building was erected in the east part of the village, in Steuben township.

Last year a fine two-story, six-room brick building with modern improvements was erected in the west part of the village.

On Arbor Day the school-grounds were beautified with about fifty fine shade trees, the pupils and teachers taking part by rendering an appropriate interary program.

At the same time, "Old Glory" was unfurled by Dr. Hamilton, President of the school board, from a fine flagstaff erected the day before under the direction of the Aldrich Post G.A.R.

The following gentlemen comprise the school board: Wm. Day, Secretary; J. H.Wagner, Treasurer; F. C. Hamilton, President. the following teachers are employed: E. Bradner, Principal; Allie Ewing, Intermediate Department; Jennie Groosbeck, Primary Department.

Miss Groosbeck has had charge of the Primary Department last year and Prof. Bradner has been employed two years.

The entire corps of teachers have been engaged for the next school year.

Under the efficient management of the present corps of teachers the schools are attaining a high standard of excellence.

REFORMED CHURCH

The Reformed Church has a history in our village, dating back through a period of thirty years. It is at present managed by its Pastor, Rev. J. H. Albright, who has had charge of the congregation for the past four years, and under whose faithful labors the church has been strengthened and a strong membership both numerically and financially, has been secured.

The present officers of the congregation are, Elders Samuel Bonbrake and John Zerbrugg. Deacons, H. H. Neidig and Henry Shipe.

The church has lately erected a beautiful home in the south part of town for the use of the pastor.

This church if a part of St. Joseph Classic Synod of Ohio Reformed Church in the United States, under the leadership of Ulric Zwingli, a converted priest with strong Christian faith, who with his co-laborers shook the Pope power to its very center.

She has had many a battle, and many dark clouds of disaster to pass through, but has maintained her integrity, so that today she stands among the foremost of Orthodox churches with an educated ministry and thousands of consecrated members who are laboring with untiring energy to advance the interest of Christ's Kingdom upon earth.

The church in the village and surrounding country has made commendable figures in the past four years, from a membership of about eighty to nearly 300. Three congregations have been organized by the present pastor, two of which now form the Waterloo charge.

The matter of remodeling and beautifying the church edifice, is now under contemplation, which we hope will soon be consumated. The pastor informs us that regular services will be held every Sunday morning at 10:30 which will be appreciated by the friends of the congregation. A flourishing Sunday School and Christian Endeavor, Ladies Missionary Society and Ladies Aid Society form the different organizations of the church.

Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Christian Endeavor Society at 3:00 P.M. We have nothing but encouragement for this church, and may success attend her.

A Friend

METHODIST CHURCH

The M.E. Church was built in 1874 at a cost of $3,700. The building is a frame one its size is 34 by 36 feet, and has a seating capacity of about 400.

A Methodist class was formed in 1854 by Joseph Miller, a local minister of the church. The first members of the class were Joseph Miller and wife, Samuel Greenamyer and wife, David Frederick and wife, John Ritter and wife, James Leper and wife, Jesse Rutan and wife, and a few others.

A class had been previously organized but was for various reasons discontinued.

The present society have had regular preaching since its organization in 1854.

It has a membership of about 150 and about 125 pupils in the Sunday school.

It has a Junior and a Senior Epworth League, which was just recently organized and has a membership of about 85.

E.B. Westhafer, Pastor
W. J. Wallace, Supt. Sunday School.

U. B. CHURCH

Thirty-seven years ago with a membership of twenty, this church worshiped in a barn near the cross-roads north of the village.

A few years afterwards the building which has since been moved to the village and now known as the G.A.R. Hall, was erected at the cross-roads and served as a place of worship for many years.

In 1885 the substantial brick building on the west side of Main street was erected at a cost of nearly $4,000.

The membership numbers 110, with Rev. Bechtol as pastor.

LODGES

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

S. C. Aldrich Post No. 138, was organized under a charter granted at the Head Quarters of the Department of Ind. of the Grand Army of the Republic at Indianapolis on the 3rd day of March 1883, with 16 charter members, and the present membership is about 20.

WOMANS RELIEF CORPS

Organized Jan. 2nd, 1896, with 15 charter members. Present number 19.

MASONIC LODGE

By authority of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, Hiawatha Lodge, No. 528, F. & A. M., was organized May 23, 1876, by the officers of Corinthian Lodge, at Flint, Steuben County.

The Lodge has been very successful. It has a membership of about 70.

I. O. O. F.

The Odd Fellows was organized on the 17th of October 1892, with a membership of 10, and now its membership numbers 33.

DAUGHTERS OF REBECCA

The Daughters of Rebecca was organized March 16th, 1893, with a membership of 53, and at the present time there is a membership of 50.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

The Knights of Pythias was organized April 16th, 1890, with a membership of 21, and at present the member- of 76.

RATHBONE SISTERS

The Rathbone Sisters were organized Feb. 7th, 1893, with a membership of 16, and the present membership is 40.

FIRES OF HUDSON

In December 1882, the general store of Ira Allerton was burned, involving a loss to Mr. Allerton of about $2,000 on goods.

This fire was accidental; the building was owned by William Getz, and was insured for $1,000, of which $800 was paid. By far the most destructive fire that has visited Hudson occurred in December 1884. Dr. Hamilton, in whose house the fire originated, sustained the heaviest loss. The Doctor occupied the second story of the dwelling as a dwelling and office. The lower story was used by Willard Ferrier as a drug store.

The Doctor lost all his household goods, surgical instruments, etc; in fact, saved nothing but an organ. A portion of the goods of Mr. Ferrier were burned.

Dr. A. G. Parsell & Sons, general merchants, lost their store building, worth $1,000, and sustained a loss of goods of about the same amount.

David Heckathorn lost a store building of the same size as Dr. Parsell's, occupied by William Day as a saloon.

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A blue racer snake, measuring four feet and eight inches, was killed by Al. Libey on Monday, which is supposed to have wintered under the barn at Geo. Simons, in whose lot it was killed.

Noted American Trees.

The Big tree of California.

"Old Liberty Elm," at Boston.

The "Burgoyne Elm," at Albany, N. Y.

The immense ash trees planted by General Washington at Mt. Vernon, and now the admiration of visitors.

The weeping-willow over the grave of Cotton Mather in Cop's burying-ground, near Bunker Hill, taken from a tree that shaded the grave of Napoleon at St. Helena.

The Cary tree planted by the roadside in 1832 by Alice and Phœbe Cary, is a large sycamore, standing on the turnpike from College Hill to Mount Pleasant, Hamilton County, Ohio.

The Washington elm still stands at Cambridge, Mass. It is on Garden Street, a short distance from the colleges, and is a large, well-preserved tree. An iron fence is built around it, and on a stone in front is the following inscription: "Under this tree George Washington took command of the American Army, July 3, 1775."

Items of Interest.

Maud Frederick is visiting at Marion, Ind., this week.

Mr. Harding visited his people at Bryan last week.

E. Furgeson, fireman on the Wabash, is nursing a lame back.

The deputy sheriff called on some of our people last Saturday.

Our genial merchant, A. Arnold, has been ailing for several days.

Mrs. Fridenburg's sister and niece, of Butler, visited her last week.

Emory Metz purchased the elevator building at the sale last Saturday.

I. D. Moore and wife, of Garrett, called on friends in Hudson last week.

Postmaster Garamire, wife and daughter spent Sunday at their old home.

Mrs. Sumner Bixler and daughter, of Kendallville, visited her mother last week.

Aunt Phebe Battershell, who has been quite poorly all winter, is much improved.

Bert Leas is preparing to move to Campbellsville, Kentucky, to engage in business.

About twenty of the K. P. boys attended the district meeting at Auburn last Tuesday.

Edd Wilsey got one of the bones in his wrist broken last Wednesday while loading logs.

The Epworth League will be led next Sunday evening by Flora Garmire. Topic: "The Cross."

Mrs. D. M. Dole was the looser of several fine chickens by administering to much salt in their food.

George Strong has rebuilt his mill and is now running on full time, cutting shingles and fence slats.

George Frederick is a constant sufferer from his army wound in his hip, and at times he is confined to his bed.

Al Smith, who was taken to the hospital, has so far recovered that he will be able to take his place as brakemen in a few days.

Bert Frederick, whose parents live two milles west of Hudson, has been absent three weeks from school on account of sickness.

The M. E. quarterly meeting has been postponed until March 6 and 7, as the presiding elder could not be present at the time set.

Sanford Pike and wife, of near Traverse City, Mich., are visiting a few weeks in and around Hudson. Mr. Pike was one of Hudson's early settlers.

The revival meeting which was to have begun last Sunday evening at the M. E. church has been postponed until next Sunday evening on account of the meetings now in progress at the U. B. church.

J. H. Albright preached his farewell sermon at the Reform church last Sunday evening. He has a charge at Fairfield, Ohio. As yet no one has been appointed to take his place on this charge which consists of three different churches: German Reform, Trinity, and Union chapel west of Turkey Creek.

Items of Interest.

Exercises at the school last Saturday.

School has closed for two weeks vacation.

Miss Ava Hamilton spent Sunday at home.

Jennie Grosbeck spent Sunday at Turkey Creek.

Wm. Straub and wife have moved to their property in town.

H. T. Diffenbaugh, of Burr Oak, Mich., was in this place last week.

Misses Ewing, Grosbeck, Snyder and Prof. Bradner are attending institute at Angola this week.

Mrs. Ke.chum and daughters have moved into the first house north of where they did live.

Rev. Westhafer went to Ohio this week to officiate at the wedding of a cousin and to visit his family.

Charley Ewing, of Angola, was in this place last Saturday. His sister, Allie, returned home with him.

Mr. Ayers, of Sedan, has purchased the Freed property in the northwest part of town and moved his family here.

The reform church had rally day exercises at their church Sunday, Nov. 9. A brief history of the church was given from the time it was organized till the present time. A music and literary program was rendered. It was enjoyed by all present.

The Epworth League will give an owl social at the home of Mrs. D. M. Dole, on Friday evening, Nov. 20th. Supper will be served in the basement, after which a concert will be given in the parlor up stairs. The small sum of ten cents will be charged. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

HUDSON.

TIME OF MAIL TRAINS:

From the East—No. 27, 12:2 p. m.
From the West—No. 6, 1:54 p. m.
Detroit pouch lv. the office 7:50, ar. 7:00 a. m.

Al. Smith is quite sick.

Miss Jennie Getz returned to Goshen Monday.

D. Johnston, of Garrett, was in this city last Monday.

Dan Tomlinson, of Butler, was in this place last Tuesday.

Miss Cora Clink and Mrs. Ezra Clink spent New Year's in Fort Wayne.

Fred Kirkland was the guest of his grandparents, in Chicago, last week.

D. Pike, of Traverse City, Mich., is visiting his son's family, M. B. Pike.

Mabel Fisk returned from a visit with relatives in Michigan this week.

O. W. Stoffer, of Montpelier, Ohio, spent Sunday with his family in this city.

A lady friend from Elkhart was the guest of Mrs. Francis Ketchum last week.

Miss M. Waller, of Angola, was the guest of the Misses Maud and Della Snyder last week.

A daughter of Henry Shuman, of Quincy, Mich., was visiting her father's family on Christmas.

Rev J. H. Albright is preparing to move his family to Ohio. Mr. Albright will remain for some time yet.

H. T. Diffenbaugh, of Burr Oak, Mich., and J. Chilcote, of Edon, Ohio, were in this city last Thursday.

Prof. Bradner, Jennie Grosbeck and Allie Ewing attended the teacher's institute at Pleasant Lake Monday

Mrs. Whysong, who has been quite sick for the past two weeks, is some better. Nona Ream, her daughter, is also better.

Chas. Osburn, wife and daughter, who have been visiting relatives here, returned Monday to their home in Fort Wayne.

There will be a writing class organized at the school building next Friday evening. All who are interested are requested to be present.

Married, at the home of the bride, Dec. 24th, 1896, by Rev. J. D. Snyder, Harry G. Curwin and Miss Cora Shuman. About thirty guests were present, most of whom were relatives. Those from a distance were Mrs. Thorn, sister of the groom, of Willis, Mich., and Mrs. Lula Rausburg, sister of the bride, Quincy, Mich. The happy couple took the afternoon train for Chicago. That they may have a happy and prosperous journey through life, is the wish of their many friends.

—County farmers institute at Angola Jan. 15 and 16—next week.

Items of Interest.

Ava Hamilton was home from Angola over Sunday.

Bert Leas and family have moved to Campbellsville, Ky.

George Norman was married Feb. 21, to Miss Cora Greene.

Mr. Englert's house was burned near Helmer, Sunday evening.

Born, Feb. 15, 1897, to Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison, a daughter.

Rev. Snyder has closed his revival meeting at the U. B. church.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Strawser, of Helmer, a son, Feb. 19, 1897.

Miss Lillie Oberlin, of Montpelier, was calling on friends here last Friday.

Chas. Ropp, of Ft. Wayne, was the guest of his parents a few days last week.

Mrs. Ella Johnston and children returned to their home in Garrett last Thursday.

Mrs. D. Ling, of Montpelier, was the guest of relatives and friends, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Nona Ream returned Wednesday from a visit with Mrs. D. Ling, of Montpelier, Ohio.

Rev. Westhafer will begin his protracted meeting at this place this evening. Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Diantha Strickland is at the bedside of her sister in Nepoleon, O., who is at the point of death.

The Epworth League attended the Ashley E. L. social at the home of Mr. Hartman last Thursday evening.

Miss Jennie Grosbeck will lead the Epworth League Sunday evening, Feb. 28. Subject, "The Resurrected Lord."

The Rebecca lodge gave an entertainment at the G. A. R. hall last Saturday evening, entitled, "The New Woman,"

Trains on the Wabash, west bound, are five minutes later, and east bound, seven minutes earlier, by the late change of time card.

Mrs. Flora Leas and daughter, of Gibbon, Nebraska, are visiting her father, Fred Ransburg, and other relatives in and about this place.

H. P. R. Lanson, of Summit, has rented the E. Stofer building and will move his stock of dry goods and groceries to this place about the first of March.

Died, Friday, Feb. 19, 1897, Barbara E., wife of Vage Hill, at her home near Salem Center, aged 84 years. She leaves a husband, four children, brothers and sisters and many friends. Funeral at the U. B. church Saturday, Rev. J. Snyder officiating.

James Hance Woodford was born Jan. 16, 1847, and died Feb. 19, 1897, at the age of 50 years, 1 month and 3 days. He was married Jan. 15, 1873, to Sarah A. Dole, who died July 31, 1891, to whom four children were born, Bernice, Clair, Blanche and Bessie. He was a member of the M. E. church and the Epworth League, who, together with his many friends, mourn their loss.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Hudson Chapter of the Epworth League has passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS: It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from time to eternity our esteemed brother, J. H. Woodford, therefore be it

RESOLVED—That while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, yet we mourn the loss of our dead brother whose stay with us was so very brief. That we shall miss him in all our church and League services; but our loss is his gain and in the sweet bye and bye we shall meet to part no more.

RESOLVED—That we extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved children and friends, and that we shall pray that they may be wise and live to meet the dear one in heaven.

MAUD FREDERICK,, Pres.
IDA HATHAWAY, Sec'y.

The marriage of Dr. Cassius M. Dolph and Miss Rena Mason took place Sunday evening, Feb. 20, 1897, at the home of the bride's parents in the presence of the relatives only. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. L. Roberts, of the Baptist church. The bride was dressed in silk and wore flowers. Dr. and Mrs Dolph are now at home in their pleasant residence on Main street. Here's luck to you, Doctor, and happiness to Rena.

No. 90. Antique, Light,

J. H. Woodford, whose death occured at Hudson Saturday morning, was buried at the North cemetery Monday. He carried a life insurance policy of $4,000.

Prof. Albert Long is always a generous fellow. He has had an old tom cat around his home for sometime past that has been a source of much annoyance to himself and family. Last Thursday he decided to give the troublesome cat to the poor of Angola, or take it to the treasurer's office, or the woods—anywhere to get rid of it. So he put it in a bag and loaded it in the back part of his buggy, hitched his trotter to the buggy and started for Angola. The cat got frightened riding behind the spirited steed and managed to get out, bag and all. And the Professor rode peacefully on contemplating a night's rest free from the cat's usual serenade. Two honest farmers coming along saw the bag and thinking it might contain groceries stopped to pick it up and were much surprised to find that it contained a cat. They looked at the bag and found in big letters, "A. W. Long." Their honesty compelled them to put the bag and cat into their buggy and when they reached Mr. Long's house let the cat out, which scampered to the house and scratched on the door, thinking there was no place like home. And the first thing Albert saw on returning home was the same old pussy cat. The honest farmers forgot to leave the sack, but it can undoubtedly be found with John or James Harpham.

An eavesdropper—The icicle.

No man is a hero to his hired girl.

Two is company until they become one.

Everything works well on paper—except the fountain pen.

It's pretty hard to get people interested in what you used to be.

Some men have greatness thrust upon them, but they think they achieved it.

You never know how to take some people; but then they are not often the kind you want.—Puck.

Party at the Door—"Is the lady of the house in?" Cook—"I'm wan of thim, surr."—Boston Transcript.

When some people do wrong, they waste a lot of time in trying to convince themselves that it isn't wrong.—Puck.

She—"I hope you were polite to papa, dear?" He—"Indeed I was. I gave him a cordial invitation to make his house my home."—Detroit Free Press.

Hudson.

Mrs. Howard Beard is quite poorly.

Mrs. A. West has been on the sick list.

S. Arnold, of Metz, spent Sunday here.

The M. E. church has new singing books.

Miss Jennie Clink spent Sunday at home.

A. McDowel and family spent Sunday in Garrett.

L. A. Henning, of Butler, was in town last week.

Miss Pearl Leas, of Angola, spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. Wm. Simon has had the measles for the past week.

Dr. Kimmel was in Corunna and Kendallville over Sunday.

Mrs. McDougle returned home from Pleasant Lake Friday.

Mr. Wallace sold his pony to Dannie Zongker last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kirkland, April 5, 1898, a son.

Mrs. Smathers and Mrs. J. Zongker were in Angola Monday.

U. F. M. S. will meet at the home of Miss Della Suyder, April 11.

Miss Jessie West is trimming in Maud Frederick's millinery shop.

The Epworth League has purchased two new lamps for the church.

Vern Newnam is clerking in his brother's store at Applemanburg.

Ezra Clink, who has been in Michigan this winter, has returned home.

Epworth League will be led by Mrs. Withington next Sunday evening.

Willie Ferguson has been off duty the past week on account of sore throat.

Misses Hovarter and Clinesmith, of Helmer visited friends here last week.

M. P. Frederick sold his span of ponies to Royal Bair, one day last week.

J. G. Miller has purchased of Mrs. Brugh a lot in the west part of town.

Willie Ferguson and his sister Mamie were in Angola on Friday of last week.

Bert Ewing, of Angola, was calling on friends at this place Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Avery Brugh and wife, of Branch county, Mich., were in town last week.

C. R. Withington was called to Burlington, Mich., Saturday, by the illness of his mother.

Mrs. C. Cavanaugh, who has been in Pleasant Lake the past two weeks, is home again.

L. Taylor has moved the house purchased of Mr. Keesler onto the lot just west of H. Beard's.

D. Johnston and family, of Garrett, visited a part of last week with H. B. Melendy and family.

Mr. Gibson and family returned home last Monday from a visit with his sister's family in Iowa.

Mrs. Susan Brugh was called to Kendallville last week by the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Bixler.

Mrs. Geo. Fisher and Mrs. M. Pike were the guests of Mrs. Forrest, at Montpelier, a part of last week.

Several of our young people went to the Catholic church, east of Summit, to attend services Easter Sunday.

The K. of P. have moved their lodge room from the Wagner building to the rooms over Shaffstall's furniture store.

The Rathbun Sisters will serve a 15c supper in the Metz building, Saturday evening, April 16, also ice cream and cake for 10 cents.

Our little folks are working hard to get ready for their entertainment, April 23d. The proceeds will be used to buy literature for the school. A good attendance is desired.

Keep in mind the entertainment at the G. A. R. hall one week from next Saturday evening. The programme will consist of songs, recitations, dialogues and drills.

Married, at Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Fred Butler, of Helmer, Ind., and Miss Blanche Woodford, of this place. Miss Woodford is well known and respected here, and her many friends at this place wish her a happy journey through life.

Mrs. Catherine Scripture, of Noble, Mich., died at the home of her grandson last Thursday morning. She had gone to make a short visit with her grand-son and family and was taken very sick in the night and only lived about ten minutes. She was the mother of Mrs. Mina Grieves and Mrs. Mary Wooster. Mrs. Scripture was a christian lady, dearly loved by her family and highly respected by all who knew her. The funeral occurred Friday at two o'clock, Rev. Mr. Weaver officiating.

"Editor in?"

This time it was a man who propounded this question—a man with a manuscript peeping out of his pocket.

"No, sir," responded the advertising man, "the editor has gone to Chicago, "but if you want some information about advertising, I can answer your purpose better than he would. There is no better advertising medium in the West to reach the best class of farmers and a select lot of implement dealers—"

"Yes, yes, I s'pose so," interrupted the visitor hastily, "but you see I have n't anything I want to advertise. I have a communication I want to show the editor—"

"Some new remedy for hog cholera?"

"No, sir, no, nothing about hog cholera. It is a—"

"New kind of a calf-weaner? The editor won't take any stock in that, I can tell you."

"O, bless you, no; never saw a calf in my life—until I came here. My communication is in regard to—"

"If it's anything about the medicinal properties of tobacco, the editor will kick you clear across the street."

"But it's nothing at all about tobacco. It 's in regard to a—"

"If it's about a new fangled corset, you'll waste your time in showing it to the editor. He doesn't know what a corset is and he does n't believe in them anyway."

"No, no, sir, no, no. no! It's nothing at all about corsets! Confound it, sir, let me tell what I want to without further interruption! I'm in a hurry! I want to see the editor before the next PLOWMAN is run off, and you say he is away! Now what am I going to do about it? What am I going to do about it? That 's what I want to know!"

"You remind me," said the advertising man, very deliberately, "of a little story I heard the other day: A few nights since a man was staggering along Broadway, in front of the Southern Hotel, half seas over, trying to sing 'I won't go home till morning." A guest at the hotel, on the fourth floor, being unable to sleep for the heat, was sitting at the open window, and sung out:

"Oh, dry up!"

"Who sez dry up?" growled the fellow, mad enough to fight.

"I say dry up, you slab-sided shoat!"

"Who dares call me a hog?"

"I do, you long-nosed swine! Better hurry back to your pen before you are missed."

"If you dare to come down here I'll wipe the pavement with you."

"Oh, kiss my foot!"

This was too great an insult to be borne, and the fellow rushed to the door of the hotel and rang the bell. The night watchman came out and inquired what he wanted—if he wanted a bed.

"Naw! A man insulted me and I wanted to get even with him."

"What did he say?"

"He told me to kiss his foot."

"Well, you can just as well wait till morning. The foot won't spile."

"Now, sir, why does my case remind you of that anecdote?" inquired the visitor, testily.

"Well, simply because I think your communication is very much like that gentle man's foot—it won't spile."

Letter From Alaska.

WALDES, ALASKA, April 11, 1898.

Friend Kinney;

I want to let you know where I am, and what I am doing. We landed at Port Waldes, March 16th, and we are only twenty-five miles from there now, and we have a horse to work. The first five miles the roads are very good, and one man can haul 250 pounds, but when we came to the first bench we could take up only fifty pounds at a time. We then came to the glacial fields that are said to be twenty-five miles long, with nothing but snow and ice which is not very nice to travel over. It is up grade all the time from the first bench until we get to the summit, and that is where we are now and have been for five days. During the five days, four feet of snow has fallen and we have been without wood or fire of any kind. We hope to get over the summit tonight and then we will have plenty of wood and can keep warm, and *that will be nice.* There are fifteen hundred men on the trail, but not many will ever get to the Copper River, for they will be worn out. There will be one that will get there, and that is myself. I am well and think I will be all right. I will start next week for the head waters of the Copper river. Will carry two months' rations and wear snow shoes so I will not be obliged to keep the trail. Three of us will go together. I must tell you that the snow is from four to eight feet deep and dogs not make a very warm bed.

Yours Truly, EARL REED.

"DEAR PAPA," wrote the little girl, "I sent you a kiss last week by the express man. I hope he gave it to you all right. Hereafter I'll send 'em by mail, because the express man is very homely and I don't like giving them to him, and neither mamma nor nurse will do it for me."—Harper's Bazar.

Newsy Sayings.

Ira Allerton is visiting in town.

Mrs. Newnam was in Applemanburg last week.

Rev. Mr. Mason was in Fort Wayne Monday, last week.

Miss Maud Snyder was ill last week with throat trouble.

Mrs. Ira Frederick and children have gone to Fort Wayne.

Charles Kirkland and Jos. Newnam were in Angola, Friday.

Mrs. P. B. Mountz and daughter Mary, will go to Toledo this week.

Geo. and Dell Snyder returned Thursday from a visit with relatives in Waterloo.

Mrs. T. McDowell and daughter Grace, were in Garrett Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Withington, of Fremont, was in attendance at the W. C. T. U. convention last week.

Mrs. Williams will go to Indianapolis, Monday, as delegate from the Rebekah lodge, to the convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunsenhouser, of Butler, a brother and sister of Mrs. Freidenberger, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Maud Buck, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ransburg, of Buffalo, is visiting her parents and friends here.

Milo Ketchum, of Chicago, and Miss Mason, of Pleasant Lake, visited Mrs. Francis Ketchem and daughters, last week.

Little Edna Mortoff fell from an upstairs window Sunday evening and sustained a fracture of a leg and other injuries.

E. W. Geer has rented his shop to Mr. Poorman, of Ashley, for a year. Mr. Geer wants to go to Cuba, if there is a call.

Charles Scheapff died May 11, 1898, aged 75 pears, 8 months and 3 days. Funeral on Friday, May 13, conducted by Rev. Mr. Zechiel.

The County Sunday school convention opened at this place last Monday evening with a lecture by Rev. Mr. Meig, of Indianapolis, on Sunday school work.

Mr. I. Harding and Mr. Friedenberger and families move to Montpelier this week. We lose good citizens; they were helpful in Sunday school, Epworth League and church work.

Hudson.

Oscar Buss is in poor health.

Fred Kirkland is in Chicago.

Mr. Hart, of Angola was in town Sunday.

Elijah Clay, north of town, is building a barn.

Grace Shank visited friends in Garrett this week.

A new time card on the Wabash goes into effect May 15.

Harry Ling, of Ray spent Sunday here with his parents.

S. W. Bixler and family, of Kendallville, spent Sunday in Hudson.

Bert Ewing and Mr. Grider, of Angola, passed through here Friday.

J. A. Hathaway and wife visited her mother at Monroeville, Sunday.

W. W. Hamilton has been suffering with rheumatism for several days.

Bertha Ketchum will lead the Epworth League next Sunday evening.

Mr. Cogan, in the north part of town, is building an addition to his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Ensley, of Auburn, visited Sunday with John H. Wagner and wife.

Eddie Clark, who has been clerking for S. Arnold, at Metz, went to Indianaplis Frday to enlist.

P. H. Chadwick, dentist, will be at Dr. Kimmel's office on Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

Mrs. Mary Moore, a former resident of this place, is visiting old friends here.

H. Tumbleson, of Butler, was calling on friends here Sunday.

Samuel Urey and family have moved back to their home near Fairfield from California. Mr. Urey is in very poor health

Mrs. Lawson, and Mrs. Garmire attended the Fetters-Shoudel wedding at the Catholic church east of Summit, last Thursday.

Mesdames Geo. Frederick, Freidenberger and B. Kirkland will attend the convention of W. R. C. at Columbus, Ind., next week.

Dr. Valentine, who graduated this spring from the Columbus, Ohio, medical college, has located here and will occupy the Chilcote house on the east side of Main street.

Mrs. Willinnar, of Pleasant Lake, was here Tuesday of last week arranging for the School of Methods to be given at the M. E. church, Wednesday evening May 11, by the W. C. T. U.

Seein' Things.

I ain't afeared uv snakes, or toads, or bugs, or worms, or mice,
An' things that girls are skeered uv I think are awful nice
I'm awful brave I guess, an' yet I hate to go to bed
For, when I'm tucked up warm and snug, an' whe my prayers are said,
Mother tells me, "Happy dreams!" and takes away the light
An' leaves me lyin' all alone an' seein' things at night!

Sometimes they're in the corner, sometimes they're by the door,
Sometimes they're all a standin' in the middle uv the floor:
Sometimes they are a-sittin' down, sometimes they're walking 'round
So softly an' so creepylike they never make a sound!
Sometimes they are as black as ink, an' other times they're white,
But the color ain't no difference when you see things at night!

Once, when I licked a feller 'at had just moved on our street,
An' father sent me up to bed without a bit to eat,
I woke up in the dark an' saw things standin' in a row,
A lookin' at me cross-eyed an' p'intin' at me—so!
Oh my! I wuz so skeered that time I never slep' a mite—
It's almost alluz when I'm bad that I see things at night!

Lucky thing I ain't a girl or I'd be skeered to death!
Bein' I'm a boy, I duck my head an' hold my breath;
An' I am, oh! so sorry I'm a naughty boy, an' then
I promise to be better an' I say my prayers again!
Gran'ma tells me that's the only way to make it right,
When a feller has been wicked an' sees things at night!

An' so, when other naughty boys would coax me into sin,
I try to skwush the Tempter's voice 'at urges me within;
An' when they's pie for supper or cakes 'at's big an' nice,
I want to—but I do not pass my plate f'r them things twice!
No, ruther let starvation wipe me slowly out o' sight
Than I should keep a livin' on an' seeing thing at night!

—Eugene Field.

Her Bonnet.

When meeting bells began to toll,
And pious folks began to pass,
She deftly tied her bonnet on,
The little, sober meeting lass,
All in her neat, white-curtained room, before her tiny looking-glass.

So nicely, round her lady cheeks,
She smoothed her bands of glossy hair,
And innocently wondered if
Her bonnet did not make her fair;
Then sternly chid her follish heart for harboring such fancies there.

So square she tied the satin strings,
And set the bows beneath her chin—
Then smiled to see how sweet she looked;
Then thought her vanity a sin,
And she must put such thoughts away before the sermon should begin.

But, sitting 'neath the preached word,
Demurely, in her father's pew,
She thought about her bonnet still—
Yes, all the parson's sermon through—
About its pretty bows and buds which better than the text she knew.

Yet sitting there with peaceful face,
The reflex of her simple soul,
She looked to be a very saint—
And maybe was one, on the whole—
Only that her pretty bonnet kept away the aureole.

A Man's Regret.

It was long ago that we said good-by
At the end of a happy season,
You with a laugh and a jest and I
With a stubborn heart that would defy
The voice of logic and reason.

We were both of us young and full of life;
I did not wish to grieve you:
I knew I never could call you wife,
But the thought of you put my soul in strife,
So what could I do but leave you?

I was passion mad and almost daft;
I strove hard not to show it,
But I longed to be kissing your lips that laughed,
Quaffing the nectar I never had quaffed—
(Fool that I was, I know it.)

You said in the way that women do,
That I would soon recover.
Your prophecy proved in a measure true.
I long ago dropped the role of the blue
And moody rejected lover.

In the world of men I have taken my place
In a manly way, I reckon,
And life seems happy and full of grace
Save when in vision I see your face
And old-time memories beckon.

I have heard it said that never yet,
Be it ever so folly twisted,
Or ever in sense so sunk and set,
Has a human heart e'er known regret,
For a sin that is once resisted.

Well, then I am wickeder far than the rest
Of the whole world's vast creation,
For ever regret burns in my breast
To think I conquered when put to the test,
My mad heart's inclination.

And I wish with a wish that does not tire,
As I muse o'er the past and miss you,
That I had followed my strong desire
To gather you close to my lips of fire
And kiss you, kiss you, kiss you!

For whatever joys the years have brought,
Whatever the sweets I have tasted,
And however happy my earthly lot,
I am galled forever by this one thought—
That a moment like that was wasted.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

School Notes.

Miss Nona Ream is going to school at Angola.

Miss Ewing spent Sunday at her ho e near Angola.

Carl Wagner has recovered from his late indisposition and is in his class again.

The University Association will meet at Mrs. Fridenburger's home, Friday evening.

Miss Groosbeck visited with her aunt Mrs. Frank Odell near Helmer, Monday.

Prof. Bradner spent Sunday and Monday with his friends Ellis J Decker and John Morgan of Northwest Tp., Williams Co., O .io.

The schools closed Tuesday to give the teachers and older pupils an opportunity to see and hear Gen. Lew. Wallace at Angola. Gen. Wallace the author of "Ben Hur" has a world-wide reputation, and his name is a household word in homes of refinement throughout the land.

The Epworth Bible Class.

The Epworth Bible class will meet next Monday evening at 7 Oclock at the home of Misses Groosbeck and Ewing. The lesson is the life of King David, and has been assigned as follows: David's youth and fight with Goliah. 1st Samuel 16 and 17th chapter. Bertha Ketcham.

David at Samuel,s house. 1st Samuel 18th chapter. Mamie Furguson.

David and Jonathan. 1st Samuel 19th chapter. Della Snyder.

David's escape from Saul. 1st Samuel 20th chapter. Maud Frederick.

David's transgression of the Law and it's results. Was it justifiable? 1st Samuel, 21st and 22nd chapters.

Rev Westhafer.

Question Box.

All the members of the class are urged to be present and all lovers of the Bible are invited.

Ray Dole was in Angola last Saturday

Mrs. George Hill returned from visiting relatives.

Rev. Tussing's house and barn are nearly completed.

Mrs Ketchnm and children were in Angola last Monday.

Mrs. Strickland is visiting her daughter in Ohio this week.

Theo. Miller, wife and son, of Fort Wayne, are in this city.

George Hill while in Chicago, was taken sick and lost his voice.

Mrs. J. D. Headley, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is better.

The people should really take more pains to conceal what they know.

Rev. E. B. Westhafer was in Topeka, Ind., Thursday and Friday of last week.

A Greensburg school girl has written the following physiological essay, that may stir the scientists up: "The human body is divided into three parts—the head, the chist and the stummick. The head contains the eyes and brains if any. The chist contains the lungs and a piece of liver. The stummick is devoted to the bowels of which there are five—a,e,i,o,u, and sometimes w and y".

WRITE THEM A LETTER TO-NIGHT.

Don't go to the theatre, lecture or ball,
But stay in your room to-night;
Deny yourself to the friends that call,
And a good long letter write—
Write to the sad old folk at home,
Who sit when the day is done,
With folded hands and downcast eyes,
And think of the absent one,
Write them a letter to-night.

Don't selfishly scribble: "Excuse my haste,
I've scarcely time to write,"
Lest their brooding thoughts go wandering back
To many a by-gone night,
When they lost their needed sleep and rest,
And every breath was a prayer
That God would leave their delicate babe
To their tender love and care.
Write them a letter to-night.

Don't let them feel that you've no more need
Of their love and counsel wise;
For the heart grows strangely sensitive
When age has dimmed the eyes.
It might be well to let them believe
You never forget them quite—
That you deemed it a pleasure, when far away,
Long letters home to write. Then—
Write them a letter to-night.

Don't think that the young and giddy friends
Who make your pastime gay,
Have half the anxious thoughts for you
That the old folk have to-day.
For the sad old folk at home,
With locks fast turning white,
Are longing to hear of the absent one—
Oh, write them a letter to-night!

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An Occasion for Surprise.

"Mamma!" said a little Pittsburg boy, rushing into the room with an air of one carrying valuable information.

"What is it, dear?"

"Did you know that Brown's little baby was dead?"

"Yes, dear, I heard of it. Are you sorry?"

"Yes—but, mamma, it was only three days old."

"I know, love."

"But don't you think God would be surprised to see it coming back so soon?"

It Made a Difference.

"Are you in favor of a third term?"

"What are you talking about—politics or matrimony?"

Where He Drew the Line.

"Do you like French restaurants?"

"Yes; only I hate restaurant French."

CHIEF TOPICS OF FORMER YEARS

The Steuben Republican weekly, published in Angola, Indiana, carried "Chief Topics of Former Years", and about 1973, added 100 years ago to the 10, 20, 40, and 80 years ago already appearing in each addition. The paper was established in 1857. Each week a few items were selected from the old papers to publish again under the appropriate years. It was exciting to find an item about someone you knew and there was always the chance that it was a friend or relative, or perhaps even you. Reported events that had been forgotten were brought back to mind, and then sometimes there was something humerous that elicited a chuckle. Following are selections that either mother (Berniece Ringler Rowe) or I (Wava Rowe White) saved.

100 years ago: 1875

FEB. 1975 PAPER

The amendments to the assessment law abolishes the office of County Assessor, provides for the appraisement of real estate every five years, the first to be taken this year. Township assessors are to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for this year at the March term, to be elected thereafter. Assessors will receive two dollars per day for their services.

And still it continues to thaw. Sleigh bells cease from their jingle and rest from their rattle and for a few days abide in undisturbed seclusion.

Seymour S. Butler, Trustee of Salem Township, lately resigned said office and Adam Shaffstall was appointed by the county auditor to fill the vacancy.

The rumor comes to us that the foxes in the south of Pleasant Lake were too sly to be caught much last Saturday during the fox hunt. This was really too bad, for expectations were great and about every man in the business thought he would surely get a redtail in the operation.

100 years ago 1875

MAR. 20 1975

For the first time for many years and we believe in the history of the State, Indiana is without any liquor law whatever. The Baxter law is repealed and the provisions of the new law do not become operative until June 1st and in the interim it is entirely free from restraint. He who will may sell or drink without let or hindrance.

It takes two cents now to pay postage on a newspaper, instead of one cent.

"Hudson" is the name of the Post Office formerly called North Benton, Steuben County.

100 years ago: 1875

FEB 19 75 PAPER

Stephen A. Powers, Esq., who lately left the office and tutelage of Messrs. Woodhull & Croxton, of Angola, and established an office for the practice of the law in Fremont, is attending court and has a flattering show for himself on the court docket.

The grand fox hunt of the season is to come off in the south part of Steuben Township on Saturday, February 21. Sam Teeters, the redoubtable, is at the head--or bottom, we don't know which--of the affair. Cap George will act as adjutant and give the commands. Henry Aultman, at Benton, and Den Conrad at Barker's in DeKalb county, will have charge of the west and south lines. The territory to be included in the hunt will be from Pleasant Lake southward to Barker's Chapel in DeKalb county, thence west to township line thence north to Ransburg's, thence eastward to Pleasant Lake. The sport is open to all.

N. BENTON - FORMER NAME OF HUDSON

100 years ago: 1875

APR. 3, 1975 PAPER

Ball catching, jumping, pitching quoits and running races are among the amusements these days.

It is quite a relief to have a real post office at the place formerly known as North Benton, in this county. The same is hereafter to be known as Hudson. The hap-hazzard arrangements upon which we have had to rely in times past to get the "Steuben Republican" and other important mail matter to the citizens of that place and now converted into a substantial, bonafide, government appointed establishment. The Bentonites will soon begin to talk city. Hudson--well that sounds well.

Eighty years ago:

1890 SEPT. 9. 1970

From the Kendallville Standard we clip the following bit of interesting news: "One of the directors of the Montpelier railroad company has purchased 34 acres of land at Hudson, Steuben County, of Moses Gonser. Mr. Gonser believes the purchase to be an indication that the company contemplates locating the shops there, but others hold that it is merely a speculative scheme on the part of the Montpelier people who feel confident of the road being built. Hudson is the point where it is contemplated the line will make its southernly divergence to reach Kendallville".

1890 (Dec. 30, 1970)
80 YRS. AGO

Hudson is geographically situated in the southeast corner of Salem Township and Southwest Corner of Steuben Township, Steuben County, and on the line of the proposed Montpelier & Chicago Railroad just half way between Detroit and Chicago, making it the most convenient point on the line for the division headquarters. The location is high and dry, soil a sandy loam, good water easily accessable at from 12 to 16 feet depth and surrounded by a country which is a garden of beauty; very productive for all kinds of crops that can be grown in this climate. Fruit in abundance. Timber, plenty of old and young growth in variety. There are two enterprising dry goods stores, one hardware store, one drug and notion, one notion with five and ten cent counters, one restaurant, one jewelry store, one furniture store with undertaking, one meat market, one tin shop, one harness shop, two physicians, two millinery shops, three dressmakers, two blacksmith shops, two saw mills, one factory, one cane mill, two barber shops, one taxidermist, two planing mills, one shingle mill, one roller flouring mill, one shoe shop and various minor enterprises, three churches, two school houses and one opera house.

Eighty years ago:

1890 SEPT. 30. 1970

Jesse Sockrider has sold his harness shop at Hudson to H.G. Garmire, of Albion.

? 1890 (? Nov. 1970)

80 years ago:

(1890?) (Nov. 1970)

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hudson will serve Thanksgiving dinner in the room formerly occupied by the Racket store. Dinner 15 cents.

Will Wood has sold his mail route between Salem Center and Angola to John Parker, also the route from Salem to Helmer is in the hands of Earl Parker.

Eighty years ago:

(Dec. 2. 1970) 1890

Agents of the Wabash Railway at an expense of $22,000 have purchased the right-of-way from Montpelier to Steubenville for the Wabash extension. As before mentioned, they have also purchased 34 acres of land from Moses Gonser, adjoining Hudson on the west, paying $75 per acre. Our Hudson friends have assurances that division headquarters and shops will be located there and are feeling pretty good over their prospects. We trust it may be so and will heartly rejoice with them in their prosperity.

School commenced in the West District of Hudson on November 18 with Seth Avery as teacher.

Eighty years ago:

1890 Dec. 9, 1970

The Steubenville correspondent writes: "Our village has a good location and as we will soon have an east and west railroad we know of nothing to stop our town from becoming a large city in a few months. Having buried the hatchet, we think Hamilton and Hudson will come into our city limits, and that when we spread our wings we will take in the neighboring towns as a hen gathers her chickens."

The new opera house at Hudson under the management of A.W. Meek and F.C. Howard is being pushed to completion with wonderful rapidity.

Eighty years ago: 1891 MAR. 24, 1971

One Angola physician one day last week in a ride of six miles and return made five calls and 13 separate prescriptions, mostly for the prevailing epidemic of la grippe.

Emanuel Ropp has the contract for building the new school house in Jamestown Township. This will the sixth new school house built in the county by Mr. Ropp.

The Pleasant Lake Dramatic Company presented to the people of Hudson and vicinity, on Saturday evening, March 21, the thrilling drama "Cast Upon the World".

Eighty years ago: 1891 APR. 7, 1971

The school in the west part of Hudson commenced Tuesday with Miss E. Melendy teacher.

Eighty years ago: 1891 MAY 12, 1971

Sumner Bixler will run a restaurant at Paltytown this summer.

E. J. Sockrider has opened a new harness shop in Hudson.

Eighty years ago: 1891 JUNE 9, 1971

The Knights of Pythias of Steuben County will hold their first annual picnic at Lake James on Thursday, June 18. Speeches will be given by representatives of each lodge as follows: Hamilton, Charles M. Brown. Fremont, Reverend Reeves. Hudson, Frank Seiler.

The contract for carrying the mail from Angola to Corunna has been let to Adam Tritch.

Eighty years ago: 1891 JULY 7, 1971

Isaac Heller began to carry mail from Hudson to Summit, July 1.

Angola leads all other stations on the Lake Shore Railroad thus far this year in the shipment of wool. Last year she stood a close second in the shipment of wheat.

The following pupils graduated from the district schools of Salem and Jackson Townships on Tuesday evening of last week: Clara Spears, Katie Jackson, Effie Galloway, Allie Richner, Alta DeWitt, Lillie Beigh, Elmer S. Doty, Bernice Beigh, Ella Hunt and Avery Brugh.

Eighty years ago: 1891 SEPT. 15, 1971

Reverend D. Tedrow will be the United Brethren minister for Steuben Circuit the coming year.

There will be a picnic in Smathers' woods at Hudson on September 18. Thursday evening, September 17, at G.A.R. Hall, Reverend J.M. Driver, of Fort Wayne, will deliver his lecture, "What I Saw and Heard in Dixie", and on Friday evening he will speak on some similar subject to be chosen by the audience.

Eighty years ago: 1891 NOV. 24, 1971

The Wabash Railroad is paying $3 per day for man and team and for men $20 per month and board.

Alvin P. Hovey, Governor of Indiana, died at his residence in Indianapolis on Monday afternoon, after a brief illness contracted during his recent trip to Mexico. His death devolves upon Rev. Ira Chase, lieutenant governor, the high office of chief executive of Indiana.

Oufa and Alvarado now have a daily mail from Pleasant Lake and the contract will soon be let for one between York Center and Fremont. WIth the daily mail, farmers in the country will soon begin to take daily papers.

William Hayward, of Turkey Creek, was in Montpelier, Ohio, on Saturday. He went to interview Surveyor Woods in the interest of a new station on the Chicago extension, between Hudson and South Milford, to be called Helmer. He informs us that workmen are busy grading close to the proposed station, which will be situated in a thickly settled neighborhood of rich farmers who, we have no doubt, will sustain a good shipping point on the new road. The semi-annual meeting of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows was held last week in Indianapolis. The report of the grand secretary shows that there are 587 lodges in the state and 35,222 members

Eighty years ago: 1891 DEC. 22, 1971

Several high officials of the Wabash railroad met at Montpelier one day last week, and all rights, title and interest of the Montpelier & Chicago railroad were transferred to the Wabash. Mr. Ashley, the president, said the road would be in running order between Montpelier and Chicago before January 1, 1893.

Eighty years ago: 1891 DEC. 29, 1971

Hudson, Indiana, will no doubt become a town of considerable importance, now that it is to have an outlet by means of the Chicago railway which is in process of construction. It is situated in a very fertile farming region of country, with no towns of any importance nearer than Angola or Kendallville. Rickel & Sprott, real estate agents of Auburn, have an eye for business and expect to locate a branch office there, and in the early spring put in a printing office and issue a local paper. Hudson is said to be a beautiful village now, and her prospects for the future are indeed flattering--Montpelier Enterprise.

Eighty years ago: 1892 FEB. 3, 1972

Hoover & Shafer of Pleasant Lake have recently opened a hardware and tin shop in Hudson.

Eighty years ago: 1892 FEB. 23, 1972

The Hudson correspondent says "Workmen are busy on our railroad, both east and west. Our town is so crowded that there are no empty business or living rooms. Some building must be done or we will have to live in tents."

Eighty years ago: 1892 MAR. 8, 1972

The Steubenville correspondent writes: Steubenville is not dead yet and there ara strong hopes for recovery. This place was struck a death blow about 10 years ago and has since lain as if awaiting the resurrection, which is near at hand. We can almost hear the cars running on the Wabash extension. The work on the road bed is nearly completed and the work east and west is progressing as rapidly as the weather will permit. The Wabash people have decided to locate a station at the Lake Shore crossing. With all this in sight, Steubenville must bloom.

Eighty years ago: 1892 APRIL 5, 1972

Our neighboring town of Hudson is in great luck. To begin with the country in that vicinity is beautiful and now that the Wabash shops will be located there the place gives promise of becoming quite a city.

Hudson has three barber shops.

Eighty years ago: 1892 MAY 24, 1972

Within the past week there has been formed in this county the Steuben County Loan and Savings Association. The incorporators are Isaac Williamson, H.K. Scott, Orville Carver, S.A. Wood, Frank Macartney, Abraham Stevens, Metz; Charles M. Brown, Hamilton; A.E. Emerson, Salem Center; W.S. Joyce, Orland; F.H. Chadwick, Pleasant Lake; John H. Wagner, Hudson; John Smathers, Hudson; William G. Croxton, F.M. Powers, W.E. Kimsey, J.W. Somerlott, Newton W. Gilbert, J.E. Waugh, G.N. Bodley, A.F. Day and P.W. Russell. The first 11 named constitute the board of directors with Sol. A. Wood, president; A.E. Emerson, vice president; H.K. Scott, secretary; Isaac Williamson, treasurer; and Newton W. Gilbert, attorney.

Eighty years ago: 1892 MAY 31, 1972

George Strayer, who is now the hustling town site agent and all-round boomer of the new town of Ashley, Indiana, was in town Tuesday. He has let a contract for the construction of the first building in town, which will be occupied by his paper, the Ashley Times. George has all the elements of the geunine western boomer, and he is getting into the new town on the ground floor. The Indiana Improvement Company, who owns the town, has made a wise selection in securing the services of Strayer as a boomer.--Bryan Press.

Eighty years ago: 1892 JULY 19, 1972

It is expected that the locomotive on the Wabash Railroad will reach Hamilton on Saturday of this week. The Wabash Company has located its division shops at Ashley, east of Hudson. The passenger depot and freight house will be within less than one-half mile north of Hudson's main north and east street, and the grain elevator is located west of the street named. With this arrangement Hudson will have at least equal advantages with Ashley in location and is ahead in the fact that it is already a thriving village, beautifully situated.

Eighty years ago: 1892 AUGUST 26, 1972

The storm last Sunday blew down W. W. Wyrick's new store building at Ashley. The building was 40x65 feet and two stories high and was enclosed with the exception of one end.

The new Lake Valley U. B. Church house on Steuben circuit, one mile west of Golden Lake, will be dedicated on Sunday, August 7.

Metz.

William E. Bowles moved his family to Ashley last Thursday.

AUGUST 10, 1892."

Eighty years ago

1892 AUG. 9, 1972

The Knights of Pythias of Steuben County will hold their annual picnic at the park at Pleasant Lake on Friday, August 19.

Miss Maude Frederick, of Fort Wayne, will open a millinery shop in Hudson about September 1.

Mr. Ferney has commenced work on his brick yard west of Hudson. His machine will have a capacity of 10,000 brick per day and will have a force of 25 men.

The town of Ashley drove a silver spike when the track layers reached that place and Hudson drove a gold one when they reached that city. Matters are booming in these towns. Monday evening at a meeting in Hudson the citizens raised money to build a grain elevator and a side track. 1892 AUG. 16, 1972

Eighty years ago:

1892 SEPT 20, 1972

Hudson will vote on the question of incorporation on October 4.

The town of LaGrange will vote next Monday on the proposition to have waterworks.

A glance at our real estate transfers will show that the real estate business in Hudson is lively.

Angola Market. Buying rates--Wheat, per bushel 70c. Hay, per ton, $10.00. Corn, per bushel, 55c. Oats, per bushel, 35c. Potatoes, per bushel, 75c. Butter, per pound 20c. Eggs, per dozen, 18c.

Eighty years ago:

1892 SEPT 27, 1972

Sol A. Wood, of Angola, the genial auditor of Steuben County, came down to Hudson on his wheel this morning to post notices of the election in Hudson. Besides being one the most efficiant auditors in the state, Mr. Wood is an enthusiastic devotee of the wheel.--Hudson World. The Salem Township Hunting Club will start October 3 for the northern peninsual of Michigan where it is said game is plenty. The club is composed of Eli Rinehart, William DeWitt, Wli and Michael Clink, Thomas Deller, Ad Slick, Thomas Parker, Ralph Ousterhout and William Host.

Eighty years ago:

1892 OCT 18, 1972

A kiln of brick west of Hudson is being burned and work on the brick block will be commenced

Several Odd Fellows from Angola went to Hudson last evening to assist in organizing a lodge at that place.

Eighty years ago:

1892 NOV. 1, 1972

George Brooks has sold his hardware at Pleasant Lake to Frank Gilbert and R. L. Fegley and will go to Ashley and engage in the hardware trade with F. P. Hoover.

News Paper Nov. 1982

100 years ago

1882

Huxley says "there was a time when men walked on all fours." He probably alludes to that interesting time in the early life of all of us when we approached a neighbor's melon patch from the back way.

Hudson will have two restaurants this winter. One will be kept by Mr. Love, and the other by Johnson and Bixler. We will now have oyster stews served up in good style.

Sept. 18, 1974

1894

80 years ago:

The Church of Christ will dedicate the first house of worship in Ashley, Sunday, October 7. For 18 months all the services have been conducted in a hall. Brother F.M. Rains, national secretary of missions, will be the speaker. J.N. Scholes is pastor of the Ashley church.

Thomas Brothers have leased the old hotel building in Hudson and will remodel and furnish it. Hereafter it will be known as the Thomas Hotel.

100 years ago

1892 (FEB 19 1992

Young ladies, old maids and widows have the privilege of using their leap year rights during the 1892 and we hope at its close to hear that old bachelors are a minus quantity.

Hudson has a large supply of very fascinating and truly charming girls of marriageable age who would make any man a suitable wife, and yet, in spite of their charms, we find the following list of gentlemen walking the path of single blessedness and we doubt if Cupid's dart has ever pierced their hearts or awakened a matrimonial yearning:

Frank Hill, Hudson's artist, is in the market and represents everything comprising manliness in a man. He is slightly bashful, but the right girl would find in him a suitable companion for life.

Then there is Alf Brugh. He is still in the ring. He is the possessor of a beautiful home and from a financial standpoint, Alf is abundantly able to take care of a wife.

Do not forget professor Avery. He is at the head of our school and has a great ambition to rise in his profession.

July 13.1994

100 years ago

1894

The United States marshals arrested one of the head men of the American Railway Union at Ashley last Monday and took him to Indianapolis. Frank M. Powers, who was in Ashley, saw the arrest made. The man showed contempt for the United States officers and manifested it by using threats and not obeying orders. It don't pay to trifle with Uncle Sam.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given that I, Benjamin R. Baughman, administrator of the estate of Margaret Baughman, deceased, will on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1892,

on the premises, hereinafter described, at Hudson, Steuben county, Indiana, between the hours of 10 o'clock a m and 4 o'clock p m of said day, sell at public sale to the highest bidder, the real estate of said decedent, in Steuben county Indiana, to-wit:

Village lot number five (5) in the village of Hudson, also known as North Benton, being on the east side of the township line, and in Steuben township, excepting from said lot number five (5), a piece of ground out of the same, heretofore sold by decedent to L. Bear and described as follows; Beginning at the southeast corner of said lot number five (5), running thence west one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet, thence north thirty three (33) feet, thence east fifty (50)

SEPTEMBER 14, 1892

100 years ago

1894 (OCT 5, 1994)

Now that the neat and enterprising village of Hudson is a duly incorporated town, there is every reason to believe that she will grow and prosper, and become one of the best business points in the county.

Squire Meek has been making numerous changes and improvements on the Gonser building, transforming the same into a first-class hotel. He has thirty regular boarders, besides transients.

Oct. 12.1994

100 years ago

1894

Hudson has two fine, well stocked millinery stores.

SEPT. 21. 1984

100 years ago

Hudson notes 1894

Good coon dogs are in demand just now.

The sled corn cutter is fast coming into use.

John Shaffstall and wife are visiting in Garrett.

Miss Ella Melendy is teaching the fall term in her home district.

Grandfather Dole has so far recovered from his recent sickness as to be able to do some carpenter work.

Sanders Van Auken has been down looking over the field preparatory to beginning school the 25th.

Mr. Western no sooner received his pension money than it was placed in the hands of some of our carpenters.

If *The Angola Herald* correspondent in Hudson has got track of a wedding and doesn't tell us, we'll not speak as we pass by.

Salem must not think that because we did not put in an appearance last week we have been paralyzed. Uncle Sam was in fault this time.

Mrs. D.M. Dole has the finest display of canned fruit we have seen for a long time. Her friends will please make note of this for next winter's convenience.

Mrs. H. Diffenbaugh, who received such a severe shock from lightning several weeks ago, is slowly recovering.

80 years ago

1894 (Nov. 13, 1974)

Frank Hill has opened up a flour and feed exchange in the Smith Building at Hudson.

Simon & Quiggle is the firm at the new meat market at Simon's old stand in Hudson.

The Hudson correspondent writes: "As fishing has been prohibited in the pond on main street, our marshall has spent considerable time in watching this place, but Wednesday night a boat was launched and from the inscription thereon it was not a fishing party, but the democrats with their usual good-byes.

S. C. Snyder has purchased G. N. Bodley's stock of groceries and opened the store last Saturday.

NOV 27. 1974

80 years ago

1894

The businessmen on the west side of Main Street in Hudson have paved it with cobble stones in front of their stores.

Avery Brugh is teaching his first term of school at the Chilson School, three miles west of Hudson.

Dec. 18. 1974

80 years ago:

1894

Miss Nellie Parsell of Hudson has been appointed notary public on the recommendation of Judge Penfield. Besides Miss Parsell there are several other lady notaries in the county, Miss Lizzie McConnell, of Angola, and Miss Western, of Hudson, being among the number.

80 years ago: 1895 JAN. 1, 1975

Rate of taxation for 1894 is: Millgrove, $1.24. Jamestown, $1.04. Fremont Township, 90 cents. Clear Lake, $1.14. York, 96 cents. Scott, $1.18. Pleasant, $1.20. Jackson, $1.27. Salem, $1.01; Steuben, $1.22. Otsego, $1.13. Richland, $1.07. Ashley Corporation, $1.60. Angola Corporation, $1.55. Fremont Corporation, $1.32. Hudson in Salem Township, $2.04. Hudson in Steuben Township, $2.06.

Sept. 20, 1995

100 years ago

1895

Hudson

A visit to the shingle and slat mill found everything humming.

School will begin on the 28th.

Miss Maud Frederick again invites the ladies to call and see her new stock of millinery goods just purchased.

The Bazar and Millinery Co. have engaged a grimmer from Jackson, Mich.

While thrashing at John Zimmerman's, the hands were called from their work to fight fire which caught in some grass along the railroad track from the cars. The railroad passes through Zimmerman's farm and in a short time the fire had spread over the fields, burning a great deal of fence.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Richard J. Pfingstag and Emma M. Mosshammer, Sept. 6, at Newport, Ky. It will be remembered that Miss Emma and her sister Ida visited here in July and they have a host of warm friends here.

Mrs. W.M. Fridenberger visited her sister, Mrs. Whitman, of Butler, recently. Mr. Whitman is the only surviving engineer of the Kingsbury wreck. He received injuries from which he has never recovered.

HUDSON NEWS - 1893

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(Hudson news was not found in every issue. The Steuben Republican was a weekly newspaper. Angola was and is the county seat.

January 11, 1893

The sidetracks are being laid here.

Quite a number in town are on the sick list.

J. Moore and wife have returned home from Ohio.

Mother Albright, southeast of town, died last Saturday.

The U.B. Church is holding a series of revival meetings.

Wilber Patrick and his sister returned to Leipsic, Ohio, last Thursday.

A. A. McCoy of Traverse City, Michigan, was here a few days visiting friends.

Mother Ritter, wife of Frederick Ritter, died Monday morning, Jan. 9.

Allen Brugh, of Noble county, Indiana, visited his mother here last week.

Miss Giser, of LaGrange, visited friends here on her way to Angola, to attend college.

January 25, 1893

John Moore and wife was in Garrett, recently.

The meeting is still going on at the U.B. Church.

Miss Mamie Shipe is visiting her sister at Garrett this week.

Mrs. George Libey visited her daughter at Ft. Wayne last week.

G. Simon & Son have been busy putting up ice during last week.

E. A. Metz was over to Fairfield last week helping to invoice a stock of goods.

Alvin Anderson, from near Butler, was here over Sunday visiting his parents.

Mrs. Nancy Zongker went to Auburn last week intending to stay there awhile.

Charles Schimpff, on the county line west of town, is quite poorly. He is troubled with a cancer on the side of his head.

(Note: In the same issue is a Notice of Final Settlement of Estate. Leander Brugh and Joseph Zongker soon made additions to the original August 1869 plat of Hudson, and had sold the first business lot by 1873. A monument in Hudson's Circle Cemetery states that Leander died January 28, 1887, 47 yr. 8 mo. 12 days. His wife, Susan, died Nov. 30, 1923, 91 years, 15 days. See Hudson, Indiana, my Home Town, compiled by Wava Rowe White.)

January 25, 1893, continued

In the matter of the estate of Leander Brugh, deceased, ...Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Executrix of the estate of Leander Brugh, deceased, has presented and filed her account and vouchers in final settlement of said estate, and that the same will come up for examination and action of said circuit court, on the 20th day of February, 1893....And the heirs of said estate, and all others interested therein, are also hereby required, at the time and place aforesaid, to appear and make proof of their heirship or claim to any part of said estate. Susanna A. Brugh, Executrix
Done January 21, 1893, Bert & Bratton, Attys.

February 1, 1893

George Strong is in Chicago on business.

Mrs. Nettie Keller, of Hicksville, Ohio, visited here last week.

Mrs. Del Ling and son went to Ft. Wayne last week and visited friends.

A brother of Rev. E. O. Wilcox is assisting in a meeting at Salem Center.

Father Spice, of Ft. Wayne, is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. Diffenbaugh.

Clyde Kirkland went away Monday on business and will be absent several days.

The protracted meetings are still going on with good results at the U. B. church.

Miss Maud Frederick has returned to Ft. Wayne to stay a few weeks with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Day and Mrs. John Smathers visited friends at Butler recently.

Mrs. Austin Smith and Mrs. Sherman of Bethel, Michigan, visited friends here recently.

Dr. Simon, of Laotto, Indiana, has been visiting his brother, George, and family, at this place.

Born, to Harvey Zimmerman and wife, a daughter. Harvey is pleased when he is called "pa".

Gerome Morse got the toes of both feet badly smashed last Thursday. The awning of the drug store fell and caught him.

It is estimated that over 1,000 loads of stone have been hauled here during the last two weeks for building purposes. Hudson is bound to improve.

February 8, 1893

Frank Hill was in Angola last week on business.

Father Spice returned to Ft. Wayne last Saturday.

Mrs. A. W. Meak was very sick a few days last week.

Miss Nellie Martin, of Lake Gage, is here visiting friends.

Mrs. Wilsey and Mr. Kline are both suffering from paralysis.

February 8, 1893, continued

Miss Adams, of Fostoria, Ohio, is here visiting Father Fullerton's family and other friends.

William Brugh, from near Oviatt, Mich., visited his mother and other friends here last Friday.

Henry Lawson and family of Summit, were the guests of G. H. McDougle and family last week.

Miss Ollie Neidig and her brother returned home from Breemen, Ind., Feb. 1st, after and absence of eight weeks.

February 22, 1893

Mrs. Allie West is able to be up again.

Mrs. Stall was in Auburn on business last week.

Frank Oberlin is in the employ of E. Stoffer as clerk.

S. H. Wagner is having a furnace put up in his new building.

Harrison Ling, of Michigan, visited his parents at this place.

H. T. Hallam, of Auburn, was in town the early part of last week.

J. A. Campbell, of Butler, was in town the past week on business.

Misses Ella and Myrta Fredrick are visiting friends at Morencie, Mich.

Robert Lockhort, of Waterloo, made a short visit with friends here last week.

Mrs. Grate, just west of town, died on the 19th and was buried on the 20th. She was 82 years old. She and her husband lived together 62 years. (Note: A monument in the County Line Cemetery states "Isaac Grate died Dec. 2, 1893, 82y10m8d - Elizabeth Grate, his wife, died Feb. 19, 1893, 80y10m21d")

Ruth Miller, wife of Peter Miller, departed this life Feb. 13, 1893. She was 75 years, 10 months and 26 days old and leaves a husband, two sons and many other friends to mourn their loss. She and her husband were among the first settlers of our town, coming here in 1867. She was a member of the M. E. church and often spoke of her hope of meeting loved ones on the other shore. Her death was caused by heart disease. She had lit the lamp and turned round to throw the match in the stove when she fell to the floor and expired. The funeral was held in the M. E. church Wednesday Feb. 15, conducted by Rev. O. E. Wilcox, the pastor in charge here, and the remains were taken to the County Line cemetery for interment. (Note: A monument in the County Line Cemetery indicates "Peter Miller, died Dec. 24, 1895, 75y6m1d".)

Michael Kline was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1822, and died Feb. 16, 1893, aged 70 years, 8 months and 26 days. When a boy he moved with his parents to Holmes Co., Ohio, where he united with the German Reformed church Sep. 20, 1840, and was married to Elizabeth Deets, Oct. 6, 1846. with his wife he removed to Steuben Co., Ind., where they lived together

February 22, 1893, continued

until her death last May. To them were born four children, two of whom died in infancy, while two, a son and a daughter, together with five grandchildren, survive him. Funeral services were held at the County Line church Saturday, Feb. 18, and the body was interred in the County Line cemetery, Rev. Joseph Miller officiating. (Note: Michael Kline's wife, Elizabeth, died May 10, 1892, 65y1m23d, per her monument.)

April 5, 1893

Mrs. McDowel visited in the vicinity of Wolcottville last week.

A. H. Baldwin, of Montpelier, Ohio, was in town one day last week.

Henry Chiles,one of the Wabash employees, was at home the past week.

John Smathers made a business trip to Montpelier, Ohio, one day last week.

O. M. Smith, our new editor, has gone to Iowa, to make arrangements to move his family to Hudson.

Wm. Brugh started for his home in Michigan, last week, after a visit here with his mother and other friends.

April 12, 1893

At the residence of Elijah Clay, near Hudson, Ind., April 2, by Rev. J. E. Bodine, Albert Leas and Lucretia Clay (were married), both of Hudson. The happy couple have the best wishes of a large circle of friends in Hudson and vicinity where they have lived nearly all of their lives. They will at present reside at Waterloo, Ind. (Note: This item was under "Marriages".)

May 10, 1893 Hudson

A VINDICATION

We hear it whispered that a good church member, and a young business man of our town, was seen in a lowdown variety show in one of our principal cities recently. - World, March 16. (Note: Hudson had a newspaper "World".)

I wish to say a word to the readers of the World, to right the wrong done to this church member and young business man. The "variety show" referred to is one of the first-class museums of this city and is patronized by the best people of the place. As I saw them there, I can vouch for the respectability of the show. The article above does a great injustice to the young people hinted at, and I feel it my duty to speak a word in their defense. E. I. Hogmire, Toledo, Ohio

May 17, 1893 (Under general news of the area around Angola, the following items are found)

James Perfect, Lake Shore ticket agent at Angola, was at Ashley last Sunday, and saw the first through train on the Wabash. He says there is no doubt about Ashley being division town on the new road.

May 17, 1893 (Under General News - continued)

The Auburn papers want the section of land on which Ashley is located, cut out of Steuben county and annexed to DeKalb. We object, and believe the people living on this side of the line will join us in the protest.

May 24, 1893 (Under General News of the area around Angola, the following item is found)

The Auburn papers want to annex the Steuben side of Ashley to DeKalb county, but when the question of taxes is considered, it is our opinion, the DeKalb side of Ashley will prefer to move over the line or move the line over this way. - Waterloo Press.

Real Estate Transfers

Lewis A. Hendry to Henry L. Diffenbaugh, lots in Hudson, $225.

W. W. Wyrick to Henry L. Diffenbaugh, lot in Hudson, $35.

May 31, 1893 (Under Pleasant Lake News)

Carl Tuttle, of Ashley, spent Sunday with his parents.

(Under Hudson News)

Mrs. M. Sockrider is quite poorly.

Rev. Albright preached the memorial sermon Sunday.

Professor Avery was shaking hands with us Saturday.

We all thought Andy was odd enough but now he has joined the Fellows.

Miss Lois Kimsey came down with her uncle, Frank Dole, last Sunday.

Wonder if that Kendallville tombstone man thinks our school is dead?

Miss Lizzie Butler is sick at the home of her parents where she was visiting.

The U. B. general conference closed with religious services Sunday morning and evening.

You ought to have attended love feast at the U. B. conference. The singing and testimonials would have revived old memories.

The following orders were in line of march to memorial service: G.A.R., K. of P., I.O.O.F., Sisters of Charity, Rebekahs.

Married in this city, May 20, at the home of the bride, Bert Leas and Miss Nellie Henning. Mr. Leas established himself here some two years ago as a jeweler, and is doing a good business. Miss Henning was raised within one mile of Hudson. She is the successful teacher of the juvenile class in the M. E. Sunday school. We wish them a happy life.

June 4, 1893

Has Salem Center found its man.

(June 4, 1893 Hudson News continued on next page)

June 4, 1893 (continued)

Children's day at the M. E. Church, July 2.

The postoffice building will soon be completed.

Mrs. M. Sockrider is remembered by Salem friends in her sickness.

The children of the U. B. Sunday school have purchased an organ.

Some visitors seem inclined to use the round house for a horse stable.

Lightning struck the U. B. church Saturday, shattering one window and broke the plaster and wainscotting quite badly.

July 5, 1893

Married at the home of the bride's father, J. H. Woodford, in Hudson, Ind., July 2, 1893, Miss Bernice A. Woodford to Guy A. Zimmerman, both of Hudson, Ind., Rev. O. E. Wilcox officiating. After the ceremony, refreshments were served. Mrs. W. E. Kimsey, of Angola, aunt to the bride, with the parents of the bridegroom, also the bride's grandparents, John Dole and wife, were present. May their future lives be pleasant and useful.

July 12, 1893 (Under Angola News)

W. W. Wyrick and family have returned from Ashley and occupy their residence on North Maumee street.

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. George Keesler, of Hudson, in the loss of their eighteen-months old daughter. The child died July 8th with congestion of the brain.

(Under Orland News)

Died in Hudson, Ind., July 2, 1893, Marion, daughter of George and Etta Keeslar, age 18 months. The body was brought to Orland July 3rd. Funeral took place from the home of Dr. Keeslar on July 4th. Rev. Jones, officiating. The body was laid away in Green Lawn Cemetery. Mrs. May Roberts, sister of Mrs. Keeslar, arrived from Chicago, but too late to attend the funeral.

Alf Brugh is building a fine residence.

More school room is what we want.

Mrs. Amanda Miller's mother is quite sick.

Potatoes will be scarce if it don't rain soon.

Isaac Muse is building a residence for himself.

The Turkey creek dredge boats will soon be in operation.

The Wabash is cutting down the wages of its employees.

Bessie Woodford has a very sore foot caused by stepping on a nail.

Mrs. M. Parsell, with friends, called on Nell Parsell one day last week.

There will be a quarterly meeting at the M. E. church, August 12 and 13.

The band had a large attendance at their ice cream supper, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dole are visiting Mrs. Snyder, sister of Mrs. Dole, near Butler.

Emery Teal, who was hurt near Chicago, is home and will be ready for duty in a month.

Mrs. Mortorf, living two miles east of town, stepped on a spike, running it through her foot.

Rev. Albright fell from his bicycle in trying to dodge a team and got near run over.

Elmer Ransburg arrived Saturday evening from a six week's trip in the interests of the Daisy Garden plow.

Mrs. Bert Leas starts this week for Peterson, Iowa, where her husband has located in the jewelry business.

Rev. Wilcox left here last Friday evening and rode to Kendallville on his bicycle in one hour and fifteen minutes.

Mr. Kelly, a fireman on the railroad, slipped while getting into the cab of the engine and one of the wheels caught his foot, cutting it off at the ankle. He was carrying $8,500 accidental policy.

Frank Dole has swung around the circle. He moved from Salem to Hudson, then to Angola, from there back to Salem. He is now located at Salem having traded his residence property for H. Ammerman's stock of goods.

August 23, 1893 Under "Married"

Married by Rev. J. E. Bodine, at his residence, in Hudson, Indiana, Sunday evening, August 20, 1893, Grant Wilson and Miss Ella Frederick, both of Hudson. The happy couple, have the best wishes of a host of friends.

September 6, 1893 "Hudson"

Mrs. Ira Alerton is quite poorly.

Hear Helen Gougar at Angola next Saturday evening.

Charley Ropp, of Dallas, Texas, is visiting his parents.

Gray Conklin and wife, of Ft. Wayne, and his sister Flora of Salem, were visiting in Hudson last week.

Work on the Turkey creek ditch commenced the first of September. The dredging machine weighs 40 tons.

Three weeks ago John Dole fell from a scaffold striking his breast on some timber, which has been giving him a great deal of pain.

On last Tuesday evening a goodly number of the members of the U. B. church ate ice cream and cake with their pastor, Rev. Bodine.

Rev. Bodine preaches his last sermon for this year next Sunday evening. He invites other churches to come and worship with them at that time.

Mrs. Frank Robison was taken suddenly sick and her husband, who is a brakeman was telegraphed for. Their three months old baby is also ailing.

August 23, 1893 (continued)

The Curris sisters, Mrs. Geo. Parker and Mrs. Sherrow, of Salem Center, while calling on Hudson friends, remembered their pastor, O. E. Wilcox.

Mr. Kelley, of whom I made mention as having his leg amputated the second time, is no better and a third operation will have to be made and it is feared he cannot stand it.

George Frederick, a member of the 7th Indiana cavalry and who was on the "Sultana" on his way north from Libby Prison, is in very poor health. He suffers from a gun shot wound in his leg. Uncle David Frederick is also very sick.

Grant Wilson and wife have returned from Kansas and will keep house in Ashley. This may be Grant's wish, but our wish would be to have them locate in Hudson for their society. We presume Mrs. Wilson can find a great field at Ashley for missionary work.

Branson Snyder, brother-in-law of John Dole, living northwest of Butler, fell from a beam in his barn striking on the wheel and bolster of his wagon. One leg was broken and his body was badly bruised. It is a wonder he was not killed as he is about 65 years old.

September 13,1893 "Hudson"

Uncle Dave Frederick is very sick.

Will Mead lost a fine Jersey cow.

Davis does a good job sprinkling the streets.

Isaac Meese is building in the Dole addition.

George Frederick is at the butcher's block again.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Teeters, Sept. 5, a son.

We have a water famine. A great many wells are going dry.

Mrs. W. E. Kimsey and children were visiting her parents the first of the week.

We learn that Mrs. Robinson, who was sick nigh unto death, is improving.

Dr. Hamilton has charge of J. H. Wagoner's drug store during the latter's sickness.

Hudson has turned out another contractor who will erect his first building near Lake View.

Preparations are being made for the county Sunday school convention which will be held at this place.

Rev. Abraham Tussing will be the pastor of the U. B. church this coming year. He will preach his first sermon Sunday evening.

The date given in my last for starting the dredge boat should have been October instead of September. It is thought the ditch will be completed far enough so the elevator boat can go down as far as Turkey Creek this fall for wheat. More will be reported as soon as the stockholders meet to locate docks, lighthouses, etc.

Last week Grandma Dole thought she saw a cat's tail sticking from under the cupboard, but shen she went to

September 13, 1893, continued

drive the cat out, a snake stuck its head out and showed her how wide it could open its mouth and how long its tongue was. She then took the broom and pushed carpets around the cupboard and kept the snake there until her husband came home. The snake was then killed, which was a blue racer, thirty inches long. Mrs. Dole is in poor health and it was trying to her nerves.

September 20, 1893 "Hudson"

Professor Glispy was with the singers at the picnic.

J. H. Wagoner, who has been ailing, is in his place of business again.

J. A. Woodford and wife, of Salem, dined with his brother, J. H., last Sunday.

News reaches us of the death of John Emerson, September 16, at his home in Kendallville.

Missing from M. E. choir, one psalter. At last accounts it was at Trinity. (Note: Trinity Reformed church was 5 miles northwest of Hudson, and on the same circuit as St. John's Reformed, often referred to in Hudson records as the "South" church.)

The centennial picnic given by the Reform church last Saturday was represented by three Sunday schools.

No more East Hudson and West Ashley. We are going to ride in their cars and they are going to ride in our boat.

Our people take quite a delight in going to the depot evenings to see those fine coaches which are always loaded with people.

Ene Parsell, of Salem, has been looking for a room and board as he is to be one of our teachers this winter. Our schools will be late in beginning as more rooms had to be made.

Rulif Butler, of Salem, accompanied by his uncle, Pembrook Conger, of Missiouri, called on friends at this place. Pem was a member of the 1st Indiana heavy artillery until close of war.

The show at the Hall had a full house, but we were told they plead poverty at Salem, and were let go without paying their board bill. Our town is billed for another. Better keep our dimes until spring.

Mr. Miner, the publisher of the World, published a rank falsehood in regard to me owing him for advertising matter. I gave him a card to insert and he said it would be $1.00 a month. I paid him and he told me that he would insert a local for me free of charge with the advertisement. Now he comes with a bill charging me 10 cents a line for local matter which I never ordered. I do not owe one cent to any person in the United States. I wonder if he does.

M. M. Gilbert

September 27, 1893 "Hudson"

Emery Metz and wife are in Chicago.

Uncle Dave Frederick does not improve.

There are a few cases of bilious and typhoid fever.

William Stone is the next to build a fine residence in the Dole addition.

A. G. Parsell and wife was at the funeral of her brother, John Emerson, at Kendallville.

Mrs. Rile Snyder, of Everton, Mo., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Shafer and relatives. She was on the train that was robbed at Kessler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Norman have sent out invitation cards to the marriage of their daughter, Mattie B. Norman to Arthur G. Dole, Sept. 27, 1893.

Levi Guthrey and wife, of Stafford county, Kansas, are visiting relatives here. Mr. Guthrey was a member of the 44th Indiana Regiment, and will be at the reunion.

Mr. Betts, living on Mrs. Shafer's farm, had $3.00, received for cutting corn, stolen from him by thieves last Thursday while he was away from the house. His child lost 80 cents. As it was all he had it will be greatly missed.

On the morning of the 21st, the passenger train which left here at 2 o'clock going west, ran into a freight at Kingsberry, about 5 o'clock. The freight was going east and had been switched to let the passenger go by, but the switch had been left open. Eleven were killed and some thirty injured.

Died, September 23, 1898, Cecil Lester, only child of Frank and Myrtle Teeters, aged 9 months and 12 days. Funeral was conducted by Rev. O. E. Wilcox, at M. E. church on the 24th. The pastor's address was short but appropriate, as was also the song, "Beckoning Hands", by Frank Hill. The parents have the sympathy of all.

October 4, 1893 "Hudson"

Charles Ropp has sent for his family and will live in Hudson. He expects to work in the railroad shops.

Would it not be well for those having friends buried to see that the graves are marked so the names will appear in the list of the "City of the Dead". This list, together with the "Tie that Binds", would make a book of great value to those who have lived in Steuben county.

Arthur G. Dole and Miss Mattie B. Norman were married at the home of the bride on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1893, Rev. O. E. Wilcox officiating. The occasion was a happy and joyous one. One hundred guests sat at supper and were provided with everything good to eat. All join in congratulations. They received many valuable presents.

December 13, 1893 "Hudson"

The ditch has lowered our lake about six feet.

Born to James Baker and wife, Dec. 7, 1893, a son.

Timber that will make railroad ties is in good demand.

December 13, 1893 (continued)

Miss Lillie Groosbeck is teachiing in the primary room.

Mike Frederick has a very sore hand caused by a hog kick.

Miss Lura Butler, of Salem, visited in Hudson last Saturday.

Three car loads of stock were shipped from this place last week.

Marshal Buckmaster is collecting the first corporation tax for Hudson.

The young man with a horse and cutter is the fellow who gets the girl.

The dredge boat has been laid up for repairs two weeks, but is now at work.

Mr. Grates, aged 83 years, was buried at the County Line cemetery, Dec. 4. (Note: Monument in that cemetery - Isaac Grate died Dec. 2, 1893, 82y10m8d. Elizabeth Grate, his wife, died Dec. 19, 1893, 80y10m21d)

Mrs. Twichell and husband, of Orland, are visiting her sister, Mrs. M. Teeters.

If our shadow does not appear in the Hudson World after this write-up, we may come again.

Wallace confessed to Diffenbaugh it was not premeditated, but was done without any forethought.

There will be considerable sidewalks put down soon as the weather permits, including the one to the depot.

Some of our neighbors came from England with John Butt, of whom mention was made in the Repblican of Nov. 29th.

The U. B. Sunday school will give an entertainment Christmas evening. If this one is as good as their last our people will get a treat.

The editor of the Hudson World left us with a full stomach, as he departed soon after eating Thanksgiving dinner given by the ladies of the M. E. church.

On the evening of Dec. 6, between the hours of eight and nine o'clock, Miss Lillie Green, of Auburn, left her three weeks old babe on the porch of Philip Felkey. In the basket containing the baby were two bottles of milk, plenty of clothes and a letter saying she wanted her uncle to care for the child until she called for it at some future time. She supposed her Uncle William Day lived there, as he formerly owned the property. Mrs. Frank Teeters kept the babe until Saturday when the mother called and took it away.

December 20, 1893 "Hudson"

Aunt Lib Charlton is quite feeble.

Squire Rutan tips the beam at 215. How is that for holding down a game of checkers?

Mr. Shafer has moved his family from the Ruth property to the Dole property, on Main street.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Amanda Miller has so far recovered as to be able to go sleigh riding.

December 20, 1893 (continued)

Daniel Phillips, living three miles southwest, is one pioneer school teachers of Steuben county.

Those who heard the Salem Center singers at the Meek entertainment, regret the program was so short.

Miss Ava Hamilton has returned from Chicago, where she has been taking lessons in instrumental music.

Frank Hafer, wife and son, have gone to visit Mr. Hafer's mother in Ohio. They expect to remain during the winter.

Will Mead exchanged his occupation about two years ago. Now he wants to trade back. He says farm life beats town life.

Mr. Lozier, living near Newville, rented his farm and and moved to Hudson a few years ago. Last week he moved back to the farm.

Mr. Redman does our soles good, not by words, as of yore, but with hammer and pegs. He now occupies a cozy place in Garamire's harness shop.

Mrs. Mahala Sockrider has now been sick more than a year, and since last March has occupied a chair. She has borne up all this time with great fortitude.

Mrs. Lottie Davis and daughter will return to their home at South Milford next week. Her son Frank, who is a machinist at Kalamazoo will visit her during the holidays.

A home on a farm near Orland has been offered to the babe left at Phillip Felkey's on the evening of Dec. 6. The husband and wife went to Auburn the 11th to see the mother, who is willing to let them adopt the child.

December 27, 1893 "Hudson"

Arthur Huffman and wife, of Ligonier, are visiting his sister and family, Mrs.H. G. Garmire.

Those ailing are too numerous to mention, but we know of none who are not receiving good care.

Mrs. L. C. Dole, of Salem Center, visited her nieces, Blanche and Bessie Woodford, last Wednesday.

After reading an item in the Hudson World, it takes a map of the world to locate it. We love history, but the editor's travels are too extensive.

Died, Dec. 20, 1893, at Hudson, Ind., Glenwood, son of Frank and Jennie Frederick, aged 3 years, 7 months and 22 dys.

Worthy E. Keller, who is attending college at Westerville, Ohio, but whose home is at Auburn, will spend part of his vacation here with his aunt, Mrs. Alerton.

Sanders VanAuken, one of our worthy teachers, saw fit to punish one of his pupils, for which his parents have entered a complaint for prosecution. It has always been a puzzle to us how a parent can expect a teacher to control forty or more scholars without some punishment when they can't govern three at home.

December 27, 1893 Item under Hudson News

The partnership existing between Deckman Brothers, at Hudson, has been dissolved by mutual consent, John A. Deckman paying all accounts against firm. The business will be continued by John A. Deckman.

John A. Deckman
H. Deckman

Hudson, Ind., Dec. 12, 1893

Railroad business created need for Ashley's hotel

By the DeKalb County Historical Society

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles by the DeKalb County Historical Society on local history in recognition of February as History Month.

The town of Ashley came into being as a result of the Wabash Railway.

With the railroad came an extensive hotel business and the creation of Hotel Lenox, located at the corner of Main and Wabash streets. It was said to be the most beautiful hotel from Chicago to Toledo.

It was a large, well-built structure, having two double-brick walls separated by an air space, making it well-insulated and easy to heat in the winter.

The hotel had a large basement for storage of vegetables and canned goods, the furnace, and other necessities of the day.

A large porch graced the front of building, where benches and rockers were provided for "sitting a spell."

The large front door opened into a foyer or lobby, which in its heyday, was lined with beautiful sepia-toned pictures of birds and wildlife. The first floor also contained a large dining room, ballroom, and kitchen.

Hardwood floors and three oak staircases with big posts were used throughout the hotel. Red velvet curtains framed some of the glass windows, while crystal chandeliers completed the picture.

The rooms were wallpapered with graceful scalloped borders near the ceiling to add to the elegance of the decor.

The second floor held the guest rooms and the third floor contained a large (approximately 10 feet by 12 feet) water storage tank for gravity flow to the lower floors' facilities.

The Lenox Hotel in Ashley in the early 1900s

Eddie and Irene Hall purchased the hotel building about 1936-38, where they resided while running a produce business until 1944. Then the building was sold to Creek Chub Bait Co. of Garrett.

During the years the Hall family owned the hotel, the scouts held their meetings and women rolled bandages for the wounded during World War II in the building. Ginivan's Theatre Troupe practiced in the dining room during the winter months to prepare for their tent performances each summer.

The old building served in many capacities over its years of existance.

Today, remnants of the old hotel's foundation are still visible, and the recessed area that was once the basement is still there.

The Lenox Hotel was the monument to another, earlier time, the coming of the railroad and prosperity. With the demise of the Wabash Railroad in Ashley, so went the demand for the hotel business.

The Lenox Hotel was demolished in the late Sixties, possibly in 1969.

The above newspaper clipping was contributed by Judith Lepley Richey.

ELLA HENDERSON GRAMLING

born 1876
Former Ashley Resident

'Birthday girl' reminisces about her 98 years

1974

By JANE KEMPF
Star City Editor

"I may make it to 100 if I don't get sick or fall again," said Ella Henderson Gramling, a resident of the DeKalb County Home for almost six years and a former Ashley resident, as she talked about her 98th birthday.

Mrs. Gramling will celebrate her birthday Sunday with an open house at the county home. Administrators Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parker will open the Chapel from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday and the "birthday girl" and her family will greet guests there.

Mrs. Gramling was born in Spruce Creek, Penn., Dec. 2, 1876. She learned about the Civil War first hand, because her father was a veteran of that conflict.

She met Henry Wilson Gramling, who was in Spruce Creek installing a tunnel, at a dinner party at a friend's home, and reports it was "love at first sight." After a brief courtship, Henry and Ella were married. He fought in the Spanish-American war.

Ella had heard a Rev. Capp preach a few years before she met her husband-to-be. The Methodist minister told the young people they should look him up when they planned to wed and he would marry them. So David and Ella went to Scotia, Penn., and Rev. Capp performed the ceremony. They delayed the wedding a little while so a man at the railroad depot could witness the wedding. It was a grand day.

Ella Gramling

The couple had a son, David Henderson Gramling, who now lives in Jackson, Mich., and a little girl who was born prematurely and survived only 15 days. The child is buried in Barker's Chapel Cemetery, where her grave is carefully tended by the family.

The Gramlings moved to this area and ran a small grocery store and had a "huckster wagon" where they sold fresh produce and eggs.

One gets the feeling the 88 pound, five foot five inch tall woman will endure — with a smile — until it is time for her to meet her maker. Whether or not she lives to be 100 doesn't seem to be of much concern to her one way or another.

She has been a part of history and has seen great changes in the world since she was a alittle girl. But the truly important things are what she talks about — her faith, her family, her philosophy.

Mrs. Gramling, alert and smiling, chuckled. "If we made a half cent on a dozen eggs we were really doing well."

But the marriage that was made at the turn of the century, in mid-1899, ended with Henry Gramling's death in 1941, "after 42 good years."

Mrs. Gramling fell in 1968 and broke her hip. She has since been limited to a walker, with which she gets around very well.

She has always been an avid embroiderer — and one year on a trip to Florida with Henry, she embroidered eight pairs of pillow cases. With Henry gone, Florida trips have lost their appeal now.

Mrs. Gramling is a Methodist through and through. From the time she met Methodist minister Rev. Capp at that revival before she was married, her religion has obviously been an integral part of her life.

Mrs. Gramling lives a day at a time. We hope she enjoys seeing her family and friends Sunday when they gather to do her homage.

Contributed by
Judith Lepley Richey

THE GONSER FAMILY

DESCENDANTS

OF

DAVID AND CATHERINE (MILLER) GONSER

Many lived, at one time or another,
in Ashley-Hudson, or the nearby area.

Contributed by Kitty Hause

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler: Almina K. Hause
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Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. ____ on chart No. ____.

Chart No. 1

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Almina Katherine Hine
b. 22 August 1916
p.b. Waterloo, Ind.
m. 5 Sept. 1936
d.
p.d.

2 Horatio Sheldon Hine (Father of No. 1)
b. 19 August 1872
p.b. Sedan,DeKalb Co.,Ind.
m. 11 June 1905
d. 24 Oct. 1965
p.d Fort Wayne,Ind.bu.Waterloo

3 Maud Ellen Warner (Mother of No. 1)
b. 13 April 1878
p.b. McClure,Henry Co.,Ohio
d. 13 Sept.1958
p.d. Fort Wayne,Ind.bu.Waterloo

4 Sheldon Horatio Hine (Father of No. 2)
b. 22 March 1849
p.b. Berlin Heights,Ohio
m. 25 Dec. 1870
d. 3 March 1918
p.d Fort Wayne,Ind.bu.Waterloo

5 Catherine Amanda Houser (Mother of No. 2)
b. 1 March 1852
p.b. DeKalb Co.,Ind.
d. 12 June 1910
p.d. Waterloo, Ind.

6 Jesse Hiram Warner (Father of No. 3)
b. 20 Aug. 1850
p.b. Seneca Co., Ohio
m. 15 March 1877
d. 19 Jan. 1948
p.d DeKalb Co.,Ind.

7 Almina Miriah Walters (Mother of No. 3)
b. 24 July 1857
p.b. Weston,Wood Co,Ohio
d. 23 Feb. 1924
p.d. Waterloo, Ind.

Charles Raymond Hause (Spouse of No. 1)
b. 24 Nov.1913 d.
p.b. Ceary, Oklahoma p.d.

8 Horatio Sheldon Hine (Father of No. 4)
b. 10 Aug. 1821
p.b. Berlin Heights, Ohio
m. 15 Nov. 1847
d. 16 Dec. 1896
p.d Sedan, Ind.

9 Cynthia B. Brooks #1 (Mother of No. 4)
b. 16 July 1825
p.b. Madisen, Ohio
d. 22 Sept. 1855
p.d Ohio

#2 Jane Brooks

10 John Houser (Father of No. 5)
b. 30 Jan. 1817
p.b. Penn.
m. May 1840
d. 1 Jan. 1892
p.d DeKalb Co.,Ind.

11 Elizabeth Gonser (Mother of No. 5)
b. 5 Jan. 1819
p.b. Ohio
d. 19 Jan. 1890
p.d.bu.Fairfield Center Cem.

12 Daniel Warner (Father of No. 6)
b. 27 Nov. 1810
p.b. Frederick Co.,Md.
m. 29 Mar. 1838
d. 10 Jan. 1907
p.d Henry Co., Ohio

13 Rebecca Ransburg (Mother of No. 6)
b. 9 Dec. 1813
p.b. Frederick Co.,Md.
d. 13 July 1898
p.d. Henry Co., Ohio

14 Elias Walters (Father of No. 7)
b. 16 May 1829
p.b. Harrison Co.,Ohio
m. 13 Oct. 1853
d. 12 May 1863
p.d Wood Co.,Ohio

15 Phoebe Jane Bossard (Mother of No. 7)
b. 11 April 1832
p.b.
d. 26 July 1873
p.d. Wood Co.,Ohio

16 Sheldon Hine
b. 5 Apr.1792 (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. 2)
m. 5 May 1818
d. 31 May 1846

17 Sally Osborn
b. 7 Apr. 1798 (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. 3)
d. 21 Mar. 1881

18 Deacon Alonson Brooks
b. 19 Dec.1795 (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. 4)
m. 8 May 1823
d. 4 Mar.1879

19 Mary Smith
b. 5 Dec.1793 (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. 5)
d. 23 Apr.1876

20 John Houser
b. 1791 (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. 6)
m.
d. 1861

21 Catharine
b. 1793 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. 7)
d.2 Nov.1856

22 David Gonser
b. 30 Apr. 1789 (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. 8)
m. 22 Aug.1813
d. 26 Apr. 1856

23 Catherine Miller
b. 18 Sept.1795 (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. 9)
d. 17 Jan. 1879

24 John Warner
b. (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 10)
m.
d.

25 Mary Elizabeth Freed
b. (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 11)
d.

26 Christian Ransburg
b. 1786 (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 12)
m. 10 May 1810
d. 7 May 1864

27 Catherine M.Sprangle
b. 1793 (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 13)
d. 21 Oct.1871

28 Jacob Walters
b. 1800 (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. 14)
m20 Feb. 1823
d. 1847

29 Elizabeth Crom
b. 20 May 1802 (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. 15)
d. 10 May 1891

30 Issac Bossard
b. (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. 16)
m.
d. 1 Oct. 1866

31 Maria(Polly) Stroop
b. (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. 17)
d.

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FAMILY GROUP No. ____ Husband's Full Name GONSER, David

This Information Obtained From:
Gonser Family History
Census
DeKalb Co.,Ind.History
Obits & Cemetery stones
Land Records
Henry Gonser Will
Joyce Robinson Records
Kenneth Frank Records
Bruce Gonser Records
Tuscarawas Co. marriages

Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	30 Apr.1789		Center Co.	Penn.	
Chr'nd					
Mar.	22 Aug.1812		Tuscarawas Co.	Ohio	
Death	26 Apr.1856		DeKalb Co.	Ind.	aged 66 yr.
Burial		Fairfield Center Cem.	DeKalb Co.		11 m. 27 da.

Places of Residence Penn., Ohio, Ind.
Occupation ____ Church Affiliation ____ Military Rec. War 1812
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.
His Father GONSER, Henry Mother's Maiden Name ____

Wife's Full Maiden Name MILLER, Catherine

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	18 Sept.1795		Md. or Union or Lancaster Cos.		Penn.
Chr'nd					
Death	17 Jan. 1879	Salem Twp.	Steuben Co.	Ind.	aged 83 yr.
Burial		Fairfield Center Cem.	DeKalb Co.	Ind.	3 m. 29 D.

Compiler Kitty Hause
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Date 15 Feb. 1983

Places of Residence
Occupation if other than Housewife ____ Church Affiliation Lutheran -60 yrs.
Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.
Her Father MILLER, John Mother's Maiden Name EVERHART, Elizabeth

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	GONSER, John B.	Birth	1 June 1815		Holmes Co.	Ohio	4 Child.
	Full Name of Spouse* DeVore, Catherine	Mar.	9 Apr.1835		Tuscarawas Co.	Ohio	
		Death	8 Oct.1882		Mills	Iowa	
		Burial		Wesley Chapel - N.E. Hastings, Iowa			
2	GONSER, Jacob	Birth	5 Oct.1817		Holmes Co.	Ohio	son Daniel
	Full Name of Spouse* Brown, Mary	Mar.	24 Oct. 1839		Coshocton Co.	Ohio	m. Rachel
		Death	28 Nov.1896	Solomon City		Kansas	Libey in O.
		Burial		in unmarked grave			
3	GONSER, Elizabeth	Birth	5 Jan. 1819		Holmes Co.	Ohio	8 Children
	Full Name of Spouse* HOUSER, John	Mar.	11 June1840		Coshocton Co.	Ohio	5 daughters
		Death	19 Sept1890		DeKalb Co.	Ind.	survived her
		Burial	21 Sept1890	Fairfield Center Cem.	DeKalb Co.		3 died y.
4	GONSER, David G.	Birth	29 May 1821			Ohio	17 child.
	Full Name of Spouse* Gushwa, Elizabeth	Mar.	26 Feb.1847		DeKalb Co.	Ind.	
		Death	22 Oct.1909	N.Liberty	St.Joe Co.	Ind.	
		Burial		St.Johns Lutheran Cem.	St.Joe Co.		
5	GONSER, Sarah A.	Birth	23 Jan.1823		Holmes Co.	Ohio	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death	23 Aug.1848		DeKalb Co.	Ind.	
		Burial		Fairfield Center Cem.	DeKalb Co.		
6	GONSER, Daniel	Birth	22 Oct.1825		Holmes Co.	Ohio	8 Child.
	Full Name of Spouse* Baughman, Catherine	Mar.	22 Mar.1849			Ohio	
		Death	5 Nov.1895				
		Burial		Fairfield Center Cem.	DeKalb Co.	Ind.	
7	GONSER, Moses	Birth	14 Jan.1829	White Eye Twp.,	Coshocton Co.,	Ohio	5 Child.
	Full Name of Spouse* Wright, Louisa	Mar.	22 Feb.1852	Fairfield Center		Ind.	
		Death	21 May 1906	Salem Twp.	Steuben Co.	Ind.	
		Burial		Circle Cemetery		Ind.	
8	GONSER, Elias	Birth	22 Mar.1831		Holmes Co.	Ohio	6 child.
	Full Name of Spouse* Short, Harriet A.	Mar.	29 May 1853				1 died
		Death	4 Mar.1908	Ashley	Steuben Co.	Ind.	young
		Burial		Fairfield Center Cem.	DeKalb Co.	Ind	
9	GONSER, Susan	Birth	16 Oct.1833			Ohio	
	Full Name of Spouse* Ling, John L.	Mar.	8 Apr.1852		DeKalb Co.	Indiana	
		Death				Indiana	
		Burial				Indiana	
10	GONSER, Mary	Birth	6 Nov.1838		Coshocton Co.	Ohio	married a
	Full Name of Spouse* Kimrel, Daniel	Mar.	7 Jan.1892			Indiana	widower
		Death	18 Jan.1909	Ashley	Steuben Co.	Ind.	late in li:
		Burial		Fairfield Center Cem.	DeKalb Co.		

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

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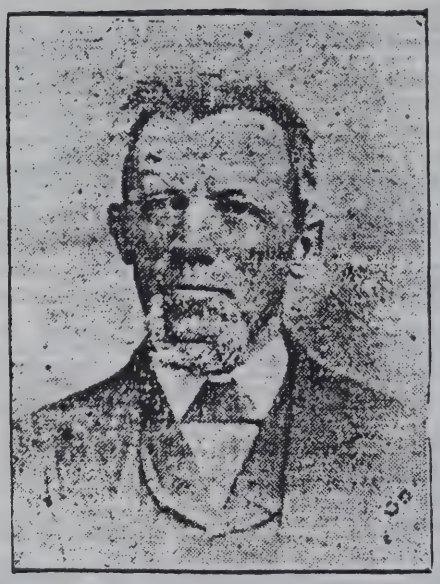

MR. AND MRS. MOSES GONSER

GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

GOLDEN WE[illegible]

Celebrated By Mr. and Mrs. Moses Gonser On

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

The Occasion Was One of Gladness and Marked Fifty Years of Happy Wedded Life.

Special Correspondence to THE PRESS.

HUDSON, IND., Feb. 22, 1902.—On the one hundred and seventieth birthday of George Washington Mr. and Mrs. Moses Gonser celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home one mile west of this place. The occasion was one that will long be remembered, and it was an important event in their lives, as but few people now days live a happy united life so many years.

The anticipations for this occasion have been enjoyed for some months and when the day dawned it was so bright and pretty that it inspired a happy day to celebrate such a rich event. There were about seventy-five present, including none but near relatives with the exception of Rev. and Mrs. Sites, of the Hudson Reformed church. At two sittings the entire number were fed at a feast that would surpass an ordinary wedding dinner, and at the close of the first table a few talks were had, and gifts were presented Mr. and Mrs. Gonser by their children and also the relatives who had assembled. The presents were received with gratitude, and consisted of a fine chair for each of them by their four children and their families who were present, and many other valuable gifts by the other relatives present. Handsome souvenirs were presented to each one present, giving half tone pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Gonser, and the family tree with a list of the children and their families. The cover contained a picture of George Washington and two hatchets crossed, with the sentiment, "We can't tell a lie," all printed in gold, representing the Golden wedding day.

All of the children and their families were present with the exception of their son Albert and family, who live in North Carolina, and could not be present.

When the guests departed for their homes they left many good wishes for the future of Mr. and Mrs. Gonser, and the hope that their future may be as happy as the first fifty years of their married life has been.

SOME FAMILY HISTORY.

Moses Gonser was born in Whiteeye township, Coshocton county, Ohio, Jan. 14, 1829, a son of David and Catherine (Miller) Gonser, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter a native of Maryland. In the spring of 1848 his parents moved to Fairfield township, DeKalb county, Ind., where the father died April 17, 1856. The mother died at the present

home of the subject of this sketch Jan. 17, 1879. Moses Gonser was nineteen years of age when he came to Indiana, and lived in DeKalb county until 1869, when he moved into Steuben county. At one time he owned the farm now owned by DeKalb county as the county infirmary, and sold the same to the county. His homestead contained some of the best land in Steuben county mostly located in Steuben county, and a part of it wi situated in DeKalb county, just acros the line and the DeKalb Co., acquisition later was deeded to his youngest son. Mr. Gonser was land appraiser in DeKalb county one term, and has served Steuben county three years as commissioner, besides filling other offices in the township. In politics he was originally a Whig, casting his first vote for General Scott. As soon as the republican party was organized he affiliated with that party and has been loyal to its cause.

Feb. 22, 1852 he was married to Louisa Wright, a daughter of Edward Wright. She was born in Orleans county, New York, on the banks of Lake Ontario on Dec. 3, 1835. Her father was a son of Jeptha and Betsey (~~Gordon~~) Wright, natives of New Hampshire, of Scotch and English descent. Mrs. Gonser's mother died Feb. 14, 1885, after having lived a married life of fifty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Wright left New York in 1837 and located near Detroit where they kept a hotel during the time that the first railroad was built from Detroit to Chicago. The next year they came to Steuben county where he settled on a farm and lived there until 1848 when he moved to Fairfield Center and began the manufacture of pearlash and potash, the product of which he shipped to New York and thence to London. Later he manufactured gloves and also built a tannery. The older citizens of the county will well remember Mr. Wright, as his manufacturing industries of the earlier years made him quite prominent. In 1860 he started an ashery in Sedan and conducted the same for about three years. He was the second postmaster at Sedan. During the years that he lived at Fairfield Center and when he was farming in Fairfield township prior to the fifties his children assisted in the work, and were all educated to the extent of the schools of the times. To Mr. and Mrs. Gonser were born six children. They are as follows:

Amanda, who died at the age of seventeen.

Albert W., who married Charlotte Childs, and now live at Chadbourn, N. C. They have two daughters, Mabelle and Joyce.

Flora A., married James Skelly and live near Stroh, Ind. They have three daughters and one son: Grace, Maude, Esther and Willis. See Over

Mary Etta, married to George H. Clink, and live at Ashley. They have one daughter and two sons: Odessa, Carl and Ralph.

Robert M., married to Lillian Bonbrake; live near Hudson; have five sons: Wayne, Merle, Kenneth, Arlo and Winnfred.

Martha L., married to Herbert C. Willis, and reside at Waterloo, Ind. They have one daughter, Louisa.

GONSER FAMILY REUNION
1901

The annual Reunion of the Gonser Family was held on Saturday, August 29, 1901, at the house of Moses Gonser, one mile west of Hudson.

The day was cool and cloudy, but that did not hinder one hundred and five people from gathering to enjoy the occasion. Several states were represented by those present. One long table was set in the front yard under the trees and the dinner was abundant and enjoyed by all.

These reunions bring together the various families of the Gonsers for a day to visit and meet the new members of the families, to renew old and maybe new acquaintances.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Elias Gonser of Ashley; Emma Kisler(?) and husband and son and daughter, Glen and Hazel from Battle Creek, Michigan; Mate Mintzer and husband and little daughter, Mildred; Jake Gonser and wife and children, Clair, Merle, Harriet and Ruby, of Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. John Ling, Fairfield; Edw. Ling and wife and four children, Fairfield; Mrs. Ida Wert(?) and husband and daughter, Irene, Fairfield; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kimmel; Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Hine, Waterloo, and children, Lulu, Clyde and Maynard; Mr. and Mrs. Phil High and son, Fred, Stroh; Mr. and Mrs. Gertie Mortorf and four children; Mr. and Mrs. Lottie Sherrick and two children; Gail Miller, Garrett; Mr. and Mrs. George Libey, Hudson; Ora Libey and wife, Hudson; Maude Teeters, Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gonser and two daughters, Ada and Daisy, Ashley; Ashton Gonser and wife, son and daughter, Loyd and Lenore, Ashley; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Parsell and four children, Ward, Charles, Warren and Grace, Ashley; Daniel Gonser, Ashley; David Gonser, North Liberty; Mr. and Mrs. Moses Gonser; Mrs. Flora Skelley, Hudson, and four children, Grace, Maude, Willis, and Esther, Stroh; Mr. and Mrs. George Clink, one daughter and two sons, Dessa, Carl and Ralph, Ashley; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gonser and five sons, Wayne, Merle, Kenneth, Arlo and Winifred; Mr. and Mrs. (left blank), Hudson; H. C. Willis and daughter Louisa, Waterloo, Rev. Seitz, Hudson.

The afternoon was spent in singing, speaking, and short talks and music on the ___ophone (gramophone?).

In business session, new officers were elected. H. C. Willis of Waterloo, being made President, and Mrs. Etta Clink of Ashley, Secretary and Treasurer. The reunion was a decided success.

Note: The next page in the Gonser Family Reunion ledger is recorded apparently in 1902, since a John J. Ling is found in the Fairfield Cemetery with the dates, born 13 January 1827, died 13 April 1902 (copied by Rosann Swihart Friend), and a George E. Libey 1838-1902, was found in the Circle Cemetery, Hudson (copied by Wava Rowe White).

GONSER FAMILY REUNION
(next page)

Two deaths are recorded for the year just past. That of John Ling, of Fairfield and George Libey of Hudson. The sympathy of all is extended to their dear ones.

One birth, a little daughter has come to the home of Robert and Lillian Gonser.

We hope for success and happiness to all for the coming year.

H. C. Willis, President

Etta Clink, Secretary

Items of Treasurer,

	Amt. received from	
Elias Gonser 1901	30¢	
Expenditures -		
3 doz. @30¢ per doz.	90¢	(Lemons?)
10 lb. sugar @6¢ per lb.	60¢	
Programs	75¢	
Postage	34¢	
	2.59	
	30	
Indebtedness	2.29	
Collection	3.11	
balance	.82	
Sugar Sold	.25	
Bal. in Treasury	$1.07	

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A photocopy of the original Gonser Family Reunion contributed by Mrs. Charles R. Hause, nee Almina Katherine Hine, born Aug. 22, 1916, Waterloo, Indiana, daughter of Horatio Sheldon Hine and his wife, Maude Ellen Warner, the latter a descendant of David Gonser 1789-1856 and his wife, Catherine Miller 1795-1879, both buried in the Fairfield cemetery.

DAVID GONSER FAMILY REUNION

July 4, 1902

The David Gonser family reunion meet in annual session at the home of Mr.and Mrs. Daniel Kimmel, just east of Ashley, on July 4th, 1902. It was a typical fourth, very warm and pleasant. Early in the forenoon began the arrival of those who were to make up the joyful crowd. At the proper time a sumptuous dinner, prepared and arranged by the ladies in the shade of the front dooryard, was much enjoyed by all. After dinner much time was spent in social conversation, music, recitations, music on the zonophone, shooting of fire crackers and torpedoes etc. by the younger ones present and whatever would tend to the best enjoyment of those present were

Rev. Sites and wife
David Gonser and daughters, from North Liberty, Ind.
Moses Gonser and wife
Elias Gonser and wife
Susan Ling and grandson
Daniel Kimmel and wife
Maynard Hine and wife
Frank Gonser and family
D. E. Gonser and family
Charles L. Gonser and wife from Traverse City, Mich.
J. E. Gonser and sons
Geo. Clink and family
Mabel Gonser from Chadborne, N.C.
Flora Skelly and children
H. C. Willis and family
Robert Gonser and sons
J. Mentzer and family
Park Sebert and wife
Irwin Morrison and family as friends of David Gonser
William Gonser of LaGrange, Ind.
Mrs. Brevier and children
Mrs. Frederick and children
Daughters of Daniel Kimmel
Orlando Kimmel and family

In all a total of 73 present. Before adjournment, D. E. Gonser was elected President and Mrs. Katie Hine secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year, with $1.07 in the treasury. During the past year there has been two deaths, that of Matilda Houser Liby and Clementine Kelly Gonser, wife of A. W. Gonser, and one birth to J. Mentzer. Marriages - John Liby to Maude Teeters, Hudson; Bert Liby to Lucretia Failor, Hudson; Earl Miller to Nellie Myers, Fort Wayne; Clyde Bair to Ila Runion, Fostoria, Ohio....

D. E. Gonser, President
Mrs. Katie Hine, Secretary

OBITUARY

CATHERINE MILLER GONSER

Mrs. Catherine Gonser, died at her residence near Hudson, Steuben county, Ind., January 17, 1879, aged 83 years, 8 months and 29 days.

She was born in Lancaster county, Pa., Sept. 19, 1795. When but a girl her parents removed to the State of Virginia, and from thence to Tuscarawas county, Ohio. Here she was joined in marriage to Daniel Gonser in the year of 1814. Soon after their marriage, her husband was drafted into the United States service and served as a soldier in the war with Great Britain. She removed with her husband to DeKalb county, Ind., in the year 1848, where she resided until death. She was the mother of ten children, nine of whom are yet living and five are residents of DeKalb county. She united with the Lutheran church when but fifteen years of age, and lived a consistent Christian until her death, a period of over sixty years. Although a great sufferer, she bore her afflictions with Christian fortitude and resignation, and possessed presence of mind to the last moments of life. She could say with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge will give me at that day." She fell asleep in Jesus without a struggle of murmur. For her to die was gain. Her funeral service took place at Fairfield Center, Sunday, January 19th. May the Lord console and comfort the bereaved friends.

L. Rice

(The deceased was the mother of Commissioner Moses Gonser, of Steuben county, and also of Daniel Gonser, Treasurer of DeKalb county. She was perhaps the only person in DeKalb county who drew a pension for the war of 1812. Ed.)

OBITUARY

ELIZABETH GONSER HOUSER

Elizabeth Gonser was born in Holmes County, Ohio, June 5, 1819, and died at her home in Fairfield, September 19, 1890, aged 71 years, 3 months and 13 days. In May 1840, she was united in marriage to John Houser, of Coshocton County, Ohio. They were blessed with eight children as a result of this union, five with her husband still survive her. They were among the early settlers of this county, moving on and clearing up the farm upon which they have always lived.

She united with the Evangelical Lutheran church when 17 years of age and has lived a consistent Christian and exemplary life. For the last four months she endured a great deal of suffering, and death was her relief and gain.

The services were conducted by Revs. Potter and Elson Sabbath, on September 21, 1890, and the large number of friends and neighbors in attendance could not be accommodated, which speaks of her appreciation in society louder than words.

OBITUARY

JOHN HOUSER

John Houser was born in Union county, Pa., January 28, 1816, and died at Hudson, Indiana, January 1, 1892, aged 75 years, 11 months and 8 days.

He was among the early settlers of DeKalb county, settling in Fairfield township in 1846, upon the farm which he still owned and on which he continually lived up to a year ago, when upon the death of his wife, who preceded him to that better land, he went to live with his daughter, Mrs. William H. Miller, of Hudson, Ind. He reared a family of eight children, three of which died in childhood, and five daughters with their families still living. For a number of years he has endured much suffering with asthma and bore his affliction patiently, but the cause of his death was pronounced by Dr. Kimmel to be congestion of the brain. He has long been a faithful member of the Evangical Lutheran church at Fairfield Center, and our loss is his gain. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Libey, northwest of Hudson; the funeral was conducted from the U.B. church at that place and he was interred in the Fairfield Center cemetery on Sabbath, January 3, 1892.

OBITUARY

MATILDA HOUSER LIBEY

Matilda Houser was born in Coshocton Co., Ohio, Jan. 12, 1841, and died at her home in Hudson, Dec. 20, 1902, aged 61 years, 11 months and 8 days. Deceased came with her parents to Indiana when a small girl and was united to George Libey January 20, 1861. To this union were born eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. The eldest son, Franklin, died November 2, 1900. The husband, George E. Libey, died April 24, 1902. She joined the U.B. church sometime previous to 1878, and was faithful to the church of her choice until the death angel called her home. The church has lost a faithful member, the children a kind and loving mother, but their loss is her eternal gain. She leaves seven children, sixteen grandchildren, four sisters, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her death. Funeral Monday December 22d, Rev. Davis officiating assisted by Rev. Pittenger. Rev. Davis preached from Ecclesiastes chapter vii latter clause, first verse. Those present from abroad were D. Libey, of Wakarusa, Mrs. Miller, of Albion; Shelly Hines, of Waterloo; and Mrs. Sarah Fink, of Ohio. The pall bearers were H. Shuman, V. Blackburn, J. H. Leas, George Frederick, George Fisher and A. Teeters. A. H. Shaffstall, funeral director. Interment in Hudson Circle Cemetery.

SEARCHER	FILE DESIGNATION
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DATE 7-22-74	3-REG'T. (BAYS)
CASHIER	OHIO MILITIA - PVT. (1812)

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G | 3 (Bay's.) | Ohio Militia.

David Gonser

Pvt., { Capt. David Kasebeer's Company, 3 Reg't Ohio Militia.

(War of 1812.)

Appears on

Company Pay Roll

for Aug 29 to Oct 31, 1812.

Roll dated Undated, 181 .

Commencement, Aug 29, 1812.

Expiration of service, Oct 29, 1812

Term of service charged, 2 months, 1 days.

Pay per month, 6 dollars, 66 cents.

Amount of pay, 13 dollars, 53 cents.

Remarks: Discharged.

(572) Copyist.

G | 3 (Bay's.) | Ohio Militia.

David Gonser

Pvt., { Capt. David Kasebeer's Company, 3 Reg't Ohio Militia.

(War of 1812.)

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Aug 29 to Oct 31, 1812.

Roll dated Mohickon, Near Mansfield, Oct. 31, 1812.

Commencement, Aug 29, 1812.

Expiration, Oct. 29, 1812.

Present or absent, * Present

Remarks: Discharged

* As shown on roll

A A Davis

[569] Copyist.

from Patty Hance
1215 Charles Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801

ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS
OF
RICHARD AND EMMA PFINGSTAG

Including the lines of

Clark
Mosshammer
Pfingstag
Meek

Compiled
by
Dorothy Pfingstag Meek

Clark Lineage

Bartholemeu Clark
m. Anna Schoff 16 Aug. 1790
d 1845

issue: Frederick b 19 Jan. 1796
David b 14 Dec. 1799
Daniel b 24 Feb. 1802
Bartholamy (Bartley) b 16 Jan. 1810 (wife, Rebecca)
(Records were found that Bartholemeu also had a granddaughter, Mary, wife of Samuel Moore and a grandson, John Lighthiser)

Daniel Clark married Elizabeth Nunamacher (born in Holland. came over with 2nd list of Muscovite Pilgrims)
b 24 Feb. 1802 b 12 Mar. 1804
d 1840 (Age 38) d 27 Jan. 1891 (Age 86+)
issue: John, (killed in Civil War somewhere in Tenn.)
Kate
Elizabeth b 16 Feb 1832 (grandmother of Emma & Richard Pfingstag's children)
Lewis
Anna
Samuel
Caleb (served in 44th Ind. Volunteer Infantry, Co. K...In Civil War. Discharged 17 Apr. 1863)
Maria (Verl Pike's grandmother)

Elizabeth Clark
b 16 Feb. 1832 Stark Co., Ohio
m 10 Nov. 1853 (previously divorced)
d 14 Aug. 1897 (gallstones) (Age 65)

John Peter Mosshammer
b 17 Feb. 1826 (Nurnberg, Kingdom Bavaria,Germany)
d 25 Dec. 1894 (dropsy of heart) (Age 68)

Issue:

Daniel O'Connell Henning
b 27 Nov. 1848 DeKalb Co., Ind.; d 29 Dec. 1912, Hudson

Martin Lewis Mosshammer
b 14 Sept. 1854 Angola, Ind. d 14 Dec. 1929 (heart attack) (Age 75)

Mary Elizabeth
b 11 Mar. 1857, Steuben Twp. & Co. Ind. d 05 July 1921 Heneryville,Ind.(pernicious anemia) (Age 64)

Samuel Edward
b 18 May 1859 Steuben Co.; d 09 Feb. 1931 (embolism blood clot) (Age 71)

William Caleb
b 30 Oct. 1861 Steuben Co. d 04 Feb. 1864 (Pneumonia)

Ida Jane
b 09 May 1864 Steuben Co. d March 1951, Dayton, Oh (Age 86)

John Wesley
b 28 Oct. 1866 Hudson, Steuben Co., Ind. d 15 Apr. 1935 (high blood pressure-clot) (Age 68)

Margaret Ann
b 28 Apr 1869 Steuben Co. d 01 Sept. 1934 Cleveland, Oh(stroke)(Age 65)

Jesse Clark
b 08 Sept 1871, Otisco, Clark Co., Ind. d 27 May 1908 Dayton,(pneumonia) (Age36)

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Emma Maria (Pfingstag)

b 29 Jan. 1874 New London, Butler Co, Oh d 30 Oct. 1950, Hudson, Ind. (Hardening of arteries (Age 76)

(also known as Paddy's Run & Shannon, or Shandon)

Marriages:

Elizabeth Henning/ John Peter Mosshammer	10 Nov. 1853
Mary Elizabeth / Simon Bolly	05 Aug. 1875
Samuel E. / Alice Schumacker	20 Apr. 1882
Martin L. / Nethie Keller	06 July 1883
John W / Mattie Wikle	18 June 1890
Emma M. / Richard J. Pfingstag	06 Sept 1894
Margaret A. / John E. Koepke	09 Sept.1896
/ Henry Rindfleisch	01 Mar 1911
Ida J. / William Apel	16 Nov. 1896
Jesse C. / Emma Gertrude Smith	25 May 1897

(from records passed down to Dorothy Pfingstag Meek)

Our earliest traced relative was **Bartholemew** (Bartholemeu) **Clark**, born (it is thought) in Scotland of **Irish** parentage. Marriage records at First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa. lists Bartholemew Clark and **Anna Shaaf** (Schoff) **married Aug. 16, 1790.**

Anna died 1845, leaving a will which gives the following information.[1]

It says Anna was "of Martick Township (apparently a widow)." Mentions daughter Sarah, wife of William McFalls. Refers to money coming to her from her brother John Shoaff, deceased (1813), no children. After death of widow money to go to his brother and sisters. Granddaughter Mary, wife of Samuel Moore, and the rest of my children: $1.00.

Frederick, John, David, Daniel, Barkley (short for Bartholemew) and grandson John Lighthiser to have remainder and be the executor of the will...$1.00 each.[2]

After the Clark brothers, **Daniel** and **David**, emigrated to Lancaster Co., Pa., they married Nunamacher sisters.[3] and all emigrated to Starke Co., Ohio where they had farms. This is where **Elizabeth Clark (Mosshammer)** was born, **Feb. 16, 1832.** About 1840, they decided to go to

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1 Recorded in Will Book T., Vol I, pg. 554. Register of Wills office, courthouse. Dated Sept. 11, 1843. Proven March 8, 1845.

2 There is a daughter who married a Lighthiser, but in the will there is no definite reference to it. The name is unusual to this section. Only one thing could be found...a will for a Catherine Litehiser, who died 1842. Judging from contents of the will, she was the oldest child of Ann Shoff Clark, and the sister Katy you mentioned in your letters (letters written by Emma Pfingstag to her sister Ida Apel). Her name did not appear in the will because she died a year before her mother made her will.

The will of Catherine Litehiser is recorded in Book T, Vol. 1 page 166, dated Nov. 16, 1842. Proven Dec. 20, 1842. Widow: Children: Catherine, Isaac, Susan, Christiana, Henrietta, Wain...each one shilling. All the remainder, including some property, to son John because "he had been so good to her when she needed help, and gave her 'all his earnings' to help raise the family."

3 Re: a letter to Emma Pfingstag received from Goldie Forest, there was a statement made that our great grandmother, **Elizabeth Nunamacher Clark, was born in Holland, and came over with the second lot of Muscovite Pilgrims** and settled near York Co. Pa. Her parents were on the mother's side, **Baum,** and on the father's side **Nunamacher.**

Indiana but, before they got started, they found Daniel dead (shot) lying by the line fence. His wife, Elizabeth, thought the neighbor had done it as they had quarreled over the line fence.

Elizabeth decided to take her eight (8) children in the covered wagon and go along with her sister and brother-in-law (David) as she and her husband had planned.

Elizabeth located at what is now Hudson, Steuben Co. In fact, in 1869, she helped plat the town which originally was called Benton. David located about 12 miles East in DeKalb Co. (near Hamilton). Elizabeth lived to be 87 years old and her children settled around Indiana and southern Michigan. She died at Lewis Clark's home, in Ft. Wayne.[1]

Her children, order of age were

John (grandfather of the Hudson Clark's...Jay, Freeman, Lee, John, Hildred, Doris)
Kate
Elizabeth (our grandmother)
Lewis
Anna
Samuel
Caleb (father of Cora and Edna Clark...grandfather to Edna's daughter Goldie Forest)
Maria (Della Charlton Pike's mother)[Grandmother of Verl Pike, Gail Hardy]

John Peter Mosshammer

(information gathered from an account by his daughter Ida Apel
by granddaughter, Dorothy Pfingstag Meek)

John Peter Mosshammer was born in Nurmburg, Germany, Feb. 17, 1826, in a two-story stone house located in the Market Square. His forefathers emigrated to Nurmburg from Austria because of their religion (Lutheran). He spoke French well. His mother was married twice.. The first husband's name was Mueller.

John Peter had one older brother by the name of Mosshammer - John Matthew. He refused to continue going to school and emigrated to America, locating at Ft. Wayne, Ind. He was in no way like John Peter. It is remembered that he worked in the Bass' Foundry in Ft. Wayne and was finally retired on pension. He had two sons; both were married. (one was a moulder). He also had a couple daughters.

John Peter never had any sisters but had two half-brothers. His Uncle was a Prof. of Language in one of the colleges. His father was a Goldsmith and had a jewelry store and pawn shop. Aunt Ida thought a half brother had a factory for weaving cloth. When a Rev. Lorenze visited Nurmburg, about 1892, he brought a magazine from there which had their add in it, also a picture of the Market Square which showed the house in which John Peters was born...Broad St., No. 555, Nurmburg.

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[1]Grandmother (Elizabeth Clark Mosshammer) said that her mother had a deed for 160 acres of land in Arkansas. This deed was given to her grandfather (Bartholemew) for service during the War of 1812. The deed eventually was in the possession of (great) Uncle Lewis Clark. Lou sold the deed to Stults & Co. a firm of brokers in Ft. Wayne.Elizabeth Nunamacher Clark died at this Uncle Lou Clark's home, 125Monroe St., Ft. Wayne. Funeral sermon was preached by Rev. A. B. Lilly at the U. B. Church in Hudson, Ind.

Aunt Ida had two promotion certificates of her father's. Each one for two years of school and not graded as they do here. One is dated April 5, 1839 and is signed by the school Inspector and teacher. There are eleven subjects including Character, Industry, Conduct, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, etc....all marked "very good." The other certificate, dated April 22, 1841 and signed Local School Inspector, J. W. Hilpert; Teacher, J. F. Bauer, is marked very good in all subjects and very industrious. There is also a certificate showing he belonged to the "Turn-Verein," an Athletic Association. An Autograph Album brought from Nurmburg has an autograph in it written in French and signed by "Your Uncle Casper Mosshammer, March 30, 1843 Nurmburg,"

John Peter came to this country about 1848. He worked for a jeweler in New York as an engraver, then started an engraving business but his partner cheated him out of everything. He had a friend in Angola, Indiana who came across with him, by the name of Dr. Wm. Weicht. The folks there called him Dr. White,[1] John Peter lived in the home of Dr. White until he married Elizabeth Clark (Henning)[2], Nov. 10, 1853.

When he first came to Angola, he worked at decorating. In those days furniture, buggies, sleighs, etc. had fancy lines, flowers, wreaths of flowers, etc. painted on them. After he was married he had a store in Angola.

After **Martin Lewis** was born, Sept. 14, 1854, John Peter disposed of his store and moved to North Benton (later called Hudson) where he bought a small farm from the Main St. in Hudson, back through Carl Hardy's farm...and built a home on Main St. across from the U.B. Church (in later years, the 2nd house South of the Hudson Park). Here too, he did some painting and decorating. Here **Mary Elizabeth** was born, March 11, 1857; **Samuel Edward**, May 18, 1859; **William Caleb**, born Oct. 30, 1861 - died Feb. 1864; **Ida Jeanne**, May 9, 1864; **John Wesley**, Oct. 28, 1866; and **Margaret Ann**, April 28, 1869.

In the small town of Hudson they had only one church building. On one Sunday the Methodists would hold their services in the church building and the next Sunday the United Brethren would have services. They had "protracted" meetings. John Peter was converted at home, about midnight, one night. during a revival. He seems to have had a wonderful conversion. Elizabeth often told about the 'house shaking as though there was a severe storm'. John told them not to be afraid as it was the Lord speaking to him. Elizabeth belonged to the Methodist church, so he thought he would join her church. Well, he joined church, the next Sunday, but after it was all over, he found he had joined the U. B. Church! Elizabeth withdrew her membership from the Methodist and placed it in the United Brethren.

Later John Peter became a minister in the U.B.C. and began preaching as a "supply" pastor. He met Rev. Lorenze at a church conference and was persuaded to join the German U. B. Conference as they were greatly in need of German ministers. At first he was a Circuit Rider going by horseback as Elizabeth didn't want to leave Hudson. His first charge was at Circleville, Ohio. After a year she was

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1 He and/ or his descendants later ran a well-known funeral home in Angola

2 Elizabeth Clark had married Mr. Henning and they had one son, Dan (who was the grandfather of Richard and Carl Holsinger, who grew up in Hudson. They subsequently were divorced and Elizabeth met John Peter.

ready to go with him when he was sent to Otisco, Ind. Here **Jesse Clark** was born, Sept. 8, 1871. Then they went to Hamilton, Ohio, where he had three churches - Hamilton, Venice, and Shandon. Shandon was more central and the family moved there where **Emma Maria** was born, Jan. 29, 1874.

The village of Shandon was called Paddy's Run when they lived there. They moved back to Hudson while John Peter preached at Wauseon, Ohio. They later moved to Toledo, Cleveland, Portsmouth, Newport, Ky.,(where Emma became acquainted with Richard Pfingstag) and to Chillicothe, Ohio which was included in his first circuit. Here John Peter died suddenly, Dec. 25, 1894.

They were to have their Christmas entertainment that evening. John Peter had made a large drawing of the City of Bethlehem. He cut out the windows in the buildings and placed isinglass over them. He tacked this drawing on the open side of a large box and placed a light inside. It looked beautiful. This was on Tuesday. He had preached on Sunday. He had charge of the choir and instructed them, and they gave him a beautiful large mirror and some money for Christmas. It came Christmas morn and he was pleased. He said, "This is Christmas. Wouldn't it be nice if I could die today, on Christmas day? They were invited out to dinner, but as he was not feeling well, he and Elizabeth did not go, but sent their regrets with (Aunt) Ida and a sister.

The church was being decorated in preparation for the Christmas entertainment. Elizabeth was sitting on the davenport; they had been talking. John complained of feeling cold. She stirred up the fire and then noticed him, his head slumped over. She raised his head and he looked up at her but never spoke. She called a couple of men over from the church, but he was gone. In his will he had selected text that he wanted used at his funeral. It was "By Grace Ye Are Saved Thru Faith." Ephesians 2: 8.

John Peter seldom spoke of his folks and no one ever thought to inquire about them, so there is no ready knowledge of his ancestors. About the only remaining evidence of his artistry is a diary of Emma's in which he had decorated the corners of many pages. He loved to play the flute as well as the organ. He had two flutes, one of which he brought from Germany. (These subsequently were passed down to his great grandson, Richard Meek.) On his grade card he is marked exceptionally good in music. His father had red hair and blue eyes. John Peter had light hair and blue eyes.

His youngest, Emma, married Richard Jacob Pfingstag on September 6, 1894.

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Pfingstag Lineage

Michael Pfingst[1] (Pfingstag), b 6 Nov. 1777 m 27 Jan 1801 d 1840
Christine Schimpf b 18 June 1784

Johannes Pfingstag, b 13 Sept. 1809 d 2 July 1876[2]
m 17 Oct. 1836
Maria Katharina Maier(or Catharina, as on one certificate) (from Schoenaich)
b 19 March 1814 d 10 June 1881
Issue:
Jacob Pfingstag, b. 8 June, 1837,in or near Schonaich, Germany
d 10 Feb. 1907, in Newport, Ky.
Anne, b 4 Sept. 1838(in/near Schonaich) d 1840
Johann Rudolf, b 25 July 1842 (Wyla) d Dec. 1842
Anna Barbara, b 25 May 1845 (Wyla)
A little son b19 Dec. 1853, d 28 Dec. 1853

Jacob Pfingstag, m 24 Sept 1860
Agnes (Quatlander) b 1 July, 1836 in Schwinningen, Ober am (near) Rottweil
Rgr Wurttemberg
d 17 April, 1896, in Newport, Ky.

Johannes, Katharina, Jacob, and Agnes are buried in the beautiful and hilly woods of the Evergreen Cemetery in Newport, Ky. (Take U. S. 27 to Newport, go South on Monmouth St. to "Southgate"...suburb)[3]

Issue:
Lena, b 30 July 1862, Switzerland
d 18 Jan. 1954, Los Angeles, CA (Age 91)
George Julian, b 09 Jan. 1864, Switzerland
d 16 Feb. 1943, Los Angeles, CA (Age 79)
Agnes, b 01 March 1866, Newport, Ky.
d 8 Aug. 1944, Los Angeles , CA (Age 78)
Ida, b 26 Dec. 1867, Newport, Ky
d 30 June 1873 (age 5 yrs., 6 mos)
Emily b 10 Apr. 1869, Newport, Ky.
d 23 Feb. 1943, Dayton, Ky (Age 73+)
Richard Jacob b 23, Feb. 1871, Newport, Ky
d 27 Mar 1947, Hudson, IN (Age 76)
Ida b 05 Oct. 1875, Newport, Ky
d 20 Mar. 1963, Santa Ana, CA (Age 87+)

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[1]The (.) after Pfingst. denotes the German contraction meaning (en or tag). Later, by the time of Johannes, changed to Pfingsttag. Bill Pfingstag found a reference in the Phoenix Library under Wuerttemberg Emigration Index v1, film #559068, indicating Johannes Pfingsttag, age 27 yrs. had emigrated from Schoenaich to Boeblingen and from there to Switzerland, Oct. 1836.

[2] from tombstone, Newport, Ky.

[3] Stella told that after school, she and friend would walk down the then country road, picking flowers and sit by the family monument on an iron bench which used to be there. Jacob Pfingstag (her great-grandfather) had died in the winter (Feb. 10) when the ground was still frozen, so he was placed temporarily in the mausoleum close by. Our father (Richard) would take the children periodically in to "see" grandpa, finally checking beforehand before he would let them look. One day, he shook his head and said, "Better not." When the ground thawed, grandfather was placed beside his wife, Agnes, who had died eleven years earlier.

In 1983, Paul and Martha Pfingstag went on a tour to Europe. When in Zurich, they left the tour taking a side trip to Wyla, Canton Zurich, Switzerland where **Grandfather Jacob** had been born, June 8, 1837. They went to the hall of records in Wyla where they were given copies of the family record, not only of Jacob but of his father Johannes. (these copies are attached).

Sometime around 1989-1990, Bill Pfingstag during a visit to a Phoenix Library traced Johannes back to Boeblingen, Germany and that he had emigrated through Schoenaich to Switzerland.

The summer of 1990, Charles and Dorothy (Pfingstag) Meek took a tour to Europe with a concert band from Tucson, in which they both played baritone horn. While in Switzerland they decided to take off from their tour. Went to Wyla, Canton Zurich...but were able only to walk around the small village. It was a Sunday and they did not know the name of person living in the old Pfingstag home...to be able to locate where it was. From there they took the train to Boeblingen, Germany (changing at the border). The lady at the desk of motel in which they registered, when told they were looking for 'roots'..by the name of Pfingstag, said "Oh ya, they are all master painters." (having had them do work at the hotel at various times). She immediately showed the Schoenaich telephone book with about six families with the name of Pfingsttag. Got on the phone and eventually located one by name of Rudolph, elderly, who was interested in what had happened to those who had left their village. His sister from the Philadelphia area was visiting him. We spent three hours with them in Rudolph's home.

It was great to have someone able to translate. Anna (Pfingsttag) Fischer, as well as a nephew from the Pocono area of USA, stationed at Augsburg, were there. Charles and Dorothy also met Rudolph's son, Manfred, wife Ingrid, and two children. Rudolph had listed on his records the name of our great grandfather Johannes with the same birth dates as our records. It is believed that he married Christine and emigrated to Wyla about 1836. We learned that no one wanted to change the spelling to one "t" for in Germany they would run the risk of losing their inheritance. When Jacob was born in Wyla, Canton Zurich he was able to drop one 't'.

Upon their return to Green Valley, some of this information was given to Bill Pfingstag (Paul's son). Subsequently, he heard from an Ewald Pfingsttag, of Ehningen about 7 miles from Schoenaich. He claimed to be related, and sent copies of Johannes' birth certificate showing others of his family.

Jacob's wife, **Agnes (Quatlander) was born July 1, 1836 in Schwinningen, Ober am Rottweil**[2] **Rgr. Wurttemberg.** Lena and Julian were born in Switzerland. They came to America when **Julian and Lena** were babies...about 1864-1865.

Jacob and Agnes first went to Philadelphia where they had cousins and Jacob thought he might get work. His cousins didn't make him feel too welcome, so he decided to go to Cincinnati where his wife's sister (a Quatlander) was living. They had a bakery in which he helped out for awhile. He soon decided that he should not stay as his brother-in-law's nephew, who also worked in the bakery shop, seemed to resent Jacob being there. This bakery was near the Ohio river and they made quite a lot of money when the Civil War soldiers would stop there enroute to Kentucky.

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[2] Our records show this as "Oberant Rottweil" meaning 'overlooking,' or 'nearby' Rottweil.

Jacob went to Newport, Ky...across the river from Cincinnati, and opened a tailor shop (his old trade) in the 2nd floor of the house he bought. It went to his daughter Emily after his death. This home was on 7th Street, between central Ave. and Patterson st. They lived in this home until about 1905, when they moved to a new house in a newer part of town on Overton st., near 8th St., where Jacob died, Feb. 10, 1907. Agnes had died in 1896 of a heart condition and high blood pressure. Ida Babich, (whose father's mother was a Quatlander...sister of Agnes) was raised by the Pfingstags... She said that Jacob was one of the pioneers of Newport.

They must have moved to Newport about 1866 as Agnes was born there, March 1, 1866. Dec. 26, 1867, they had a baby girl named Ida who lived only five-and-a-half years.

Emily was born April 10, 1869. She married John Meserth and lived on Central Ave., near the Pfingstags. They had three children: Agnes, Victor (who died in infancy) and Julian who died in 1968. Agnes married George Hoffman. These folks are buried on the Pfingstag lot in Evergreen Cemetery in Newport.

At some point Johannes and Katharina came from the Old Country to live with Jacob and Agnes Pfingstag.

Feb. 23, 1871, Richard Jacob was born. He married Emma Maria Mosshammer on Sept. 6, 1894 and they lived several places in Newport. Their last home there was 715 Central Ave. where all the children were born except Vivian who was born in a different house in Newport, and Dorothy who was born in Hudson, Indiana.

October 5, 1875, (Richard's youngest sister) Ida was born. She married Herbert Riedel, Feb. 22, 1916, and went to Los Angeles, California to live. They had one daughter, Virginia Riedel Williams. born in 1917.

About 1920, Agnes, Lena and Julian (Uncle Lou) (Richard's two oldest sisters and only brother) sold the home in Newport and went to Calif. to live so they would be near Ida. None of them ever married. They lived there the rest of their lives and all are buried in Forrest Lawn Mausoleum, Glendale, near Los Angeles.

Richard moved his family to Hudson, Indiana, May 1, 1911 and resided there until his death. He, his wife Emma, sons Vivian and Carl, and daughter Stella are buried in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, Ind.

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<u>The following are notes made from reminiscing with Stella</u>

Richard and brother Lou (Julian) used to walk across the Ohio river bridge to work in a tailor shop that made readymade suits. Richard commented that of all the owners they had worked for, Christian and Jew, the Jews treated them the most fairly.

Stella and sisters of Dad also walked across the bridge to shop in the large Cincinnati stores. It was quite a long walk to some of the "department" stores. The bridge itself was 3/4 of a mile or more , and then there were hills to climb in Cincinnati.

In those days there were a few highways called "pikes" which had toll collection booths at one area. Many rebelled at paying this toll and frequently they would do something to spook their horses so they couldn't control them enough to get them to stop at the booth.

A few anecdotes: Kris Kringle, or St. Nicholas, was considered Santa's helper...and a traditional German celebration. He arrived on Dec. 15 with a switch in his hand...told the children what they had done, both wrong and good. If they weren't careful they wouldn't get any Christmas gifts. When he left he always left some goodies (wrapped candies, etc. He dressed as traditional Santa.)

Papa's sister, Agnes, always took the part of Kris Kringle. At one time, cousin Ida Klaiber Babich, who lived with them (they raised her from about the time she was 5 years old as her mother had died and father was so poor he asked Grandpa to take her), was very frightened because "Kris K. told her she'd done something wrong and threatened her with the 'switch'."

Christmas Eve (in Newport)..the tree was in the parlor, the door kept shut before Christmas...someone, usually Papa (Richard), lit the candles. Children were allowed into the room to see their gifts. They weren't allowed until that eve. to get into the front room (parlor). (Papa's family were <u>never</u> allowed in and out the front door...that was the <u>company</u> door.)

In Indiana, they started celebrating Christmas in the morning.

Mom and Dad (Emma Mosshammer and Richard Pfingstag) were married Sept. 6, 1894. They went to housekeeping on Saratoga St., the street the C & O RR went on through town, and on across C7O bridge to Cincinatti.

Shortly after they were married, Mom came down with yellow jaundice. Soon after, they moved closer to where the Pfingstags lived, renting from a member of Grandpa's church (Grandpa Mosshammer). Viv was born Nov. 25, 1895, in Newport.

Later they rented a piece of property owned by Grandpa Pfingstag, <u>715 Central Ave.,</u> inherited by Dad after his father died. It was here that **Stella** was born, Jan. 9, 1898 and all the rest of the family **(Herbert, Carl & Paul)** but Dorothy . All were born at home and Dr. Helmboldt was the family doctor and good friend of Dad's.

Viv, Stella and Herb all went to school in Newport. The High School was on the corner of 8th St. and Columbia (Stella thought). Stella had her last year in the grades in the 9th Street school (Carl started school in Indiana.) In 1911, Paul was only 3 months old when Dad moved the family to Northeast Indiana.

Dad had gone into a Custom Tailoring business with another man. Dad was to do the measuring, let customers pick samples and they were sent out to be made. The other man was to get the customers and collect the money. He didn't live up to his responsibilities causing Dad to have a nervous breakdown. So he closed the shop.

He went to Ft. Wayne, Indiana to look after a house owned by Grandpa Mosshammer. From there he went on North to visit the Pikes...Morg (Morgan) and Della.[1] Della was Mom's first cousin. Their mothers were Clark sisters. Dad and the family had often visited them. Morg and Della had a son, Verl, and daughter Gayle, who married Carl Hardy.

One summer, Dad helped Morg on his farm...doing what he could. Since the barn floor was never cemented and Dad had the experience of cementing his sidewalk, he suggested he could help and they could cement the barn floor, making it much easier to clean. The floor was still there and in use in 1983. Morg's father was staying with them at the time, as he shuttled back and forth among his children, through the years after his wife died. He got mad at "that city dude (Dad) telling Morgan what to do" and he up and left and went to his daughter's in Michigan. Later, after we moved to Hudson, he used to stop at our house after church on Sunday mornings, and stay for dinner....he had grown to like "that city dude."

When the folks moved to Hudson, Viv stayed in Kentucky to finish high school Later he spent one year at Univ. of Maryland and also studied at Purdue to get a license to teach.

Not long after moving to Hudson,Dad decided maybe he'd like to raise onions so began to look for muck ground. The Hardy's[2] kept saying there wasn't any for sale. Then Carl Hardy offered to sell his 40 acres in DeKalb Co. and he would buy back the farm in town (Hudson) that he had sold to another man. He offered to sell it for $100/acre ($4,000). Strings attached to this deal: that Carl could use part of the 40 acres for teaching Dad how to raise his onion crop, the first year.

One day one of the Clark boys who worked for Dad (some also worked for Carl) told Dad that he should get his onions pulled or they would become rootbound. This was part of what Carl should have told him.

A few years later, Carl farmed some rental property next to Dad's farm. One Sunday, Dad drove out to the farm and it was flooded by water coming from the piece that Carl had. You could see how someone had kicked part of the ridge out letting the water flow through from Carl's to Dad's. Later, a neighbor told Dad they had seen Carl kick out the dirt. So Dad really gave him a tongue-lashing.

Dad arranged to buy the farm and found a house on 1st street across the alley from Stella's home (the 2nd house N. of Zonker St.)..which would be vacant by the first of May. He went back to Newport to make arrangements for the move. He had a fellow help crate furniture, etc. and rented a freight car in which to ship it to Hudson. Mom took the family...all but Viv (who stayed with the Pfingstags to finish school. He returned again the following year and stayed with them so he could finish his senior year)...and caught the C&O in Cincinatti. Mom's brother, John, was conductor on that train which took them to Peru (where Uncle John lived) and then to Ft. Wayne. They changed there to the connection that went from Ft. Wayne to Steubenville where Dad met them...arriving May 1, 1911. There was a horse-drawn hack in which they rode from Steubenville depot to Hudson.

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[1] They were the parents of Verl Pike whom Stella married after our parents were both gone. Verl had six children by a previous marriage: Josephine, Charleton, Analdine, James, Patricia, and Raymond.

[2] Gail Pike Hardy was Verl's sister. They had four children: Robert, Ardell, Gordon, and Marjorie.

Progeny of Richard and Emma Pfingstag

1. Vivian Richard Pfingstag → b. 25 Nov 1905 d. 25 Jan. 1966
   m. Cleota Marguarite Lint 04 Aug 1925 b. 29 Aug 1902
   a). JoAnn P. Coggeshall b 25 June 1926
   b). Margaret Jean b. 10 Dec 1929
   c). Ruth Louise b. 05 May 1931
   d). Richard Carl b. 14 Feb 1939
   (will use separate page for their offspring & grandchildren)

2. Stella Elizabeth Agnes b. 09 Jan 1898 d. 20 Aug 1984
   m. Verl Pike 11 Aug 1951 b. 04 Aug. 1888 d. 15 May 1963
   (no issue)

3. Herbert John b. 13 Feb 1904 d. 10 June 1983
   m. Alice Lesla Lukens 14 Oct 1928 b. 27 Jun 1903 d. 17 Dec 1977
   a. Jerry Ronald b. 13 Feb 1935
   m Lenora Clark 01 Apr. 1960 (no issue)

4. Carl Jesse b. 19 Mar 1906 d. 19 Aug 1979
   m. Margaret Ransburg 01 July 1929 b. 11 Jan 1905 d. 14 May 1989
   (no issue)

5. Paul William b. 16 Jan 1911 d. 8 June 1995
   m. Martha Groverman 18 Nov 1933 b. 10 Apr 1914
   a. Anne Marr b. 13 July 1935
   m. James Clark May 1958 (later divorced)
   b. .William Carl b. 09 Feb 1941
   m. Suzanne White 21 Dec 1962 b. 07 Aug 1943
   a. Cynthia Lynn b 10 Dec 1965
   m M. Tanner Logan 29 Dec 1984 b 1964
   1) Spencer Clay b. 1988
   b. Pamela Jean b 17 Sept 1968
   m.Charles Rehfeldt 08 Jun 1991
   c. John Richard b. 30 Nov 1951
   m Sherry La Mountain 21 Dec 1984
   a. Leland Richard b. 27 Apr 1987
   b. Lauren b. 21 Nov 1988

6. Dorothy Emma		b. 11 Jan 1915
m. Charles Jackson Meek	15 June 1939	b. 06 Feb 1916
a) Charles Richard		b. 22 Jan 1941
m. Carol Ann Vines	10 Oct 1971	b. 03 Aug 1951
1) Richard Jameson		b. 03 Oct 1972
m. Beckie	18 Dec. 1993	b.
2) Shanna Allyn		b. 21 July 1975
b) Carol Ann		b 27 Sept 1942
m. Edward Joseph P. O'Connor	25 Jul 1964	b. 17 Mar 1939
1) Lauren Aileen		b. 23 Nov 1969
2) Cathryn Irene		b 05 Nov 1982
c) Barbara Ellen		b. 12 Feb 1944
m James J. Kowalczyk	15 June 1966	
1) Jeffrey Jay		b. 28 Sep 1968
m. Bonnie Sinclair	16 Apr 1993	b. 08 Oct 1967
2) Bradley Jay		b. 11 May 1970
m. Stephani	5 Mar 1994	b. 06 Mar 1974
3) Randy James		b. 26 Mar 1973
4) Cara Lynn (Cummins)		b. 31 Jul 1982
m. Jeff Ervin	18 June 1988	b. 07 Feb 1950
d) David Paul		b. 29 Apr 1946
m. JoeEllen Lawrence	24 July 1972	b. 08 Apr 1948
1) Amber Lee		b. 04 Mar 1979
2) Ryan David		b. 15 May 1981
e) Alan Loar		b. 19 Jan 1948
m. Kathy Wagner Fife	01 Oct 1983	b. 11 July 1951
1) Adrian Fife		b. 17 Feb 1977
2) Adam Lewis Meek		b. 18 Nov 1985
f) Lowell Jackson		b. 06 Sept 1949
m. Leah Theresa Datillo	04 Nov 1972	b. 27 Sept 1952
1) Emily Margaret		b. 11 Oct 1976
2) Erin Marie		b/d 22 May 1979
3) Stella Lee		b. 02 Aug 1980
4) Amanda Lynn		b. 03 Jan 1982

5) Jared Matthew		b. 11 June 1984
6) Kathryn Nicole		b. 29 July 1986
7) Rachel Ellen		b. 01 Sep 1987
JoAnn Pfingstag		b. 25 Jun 1926
m. Robert Calvin Coggeshall	18 Mar 1946	b. 16 Mar 1925
a) Michael E.		b. 13 Oct 1947
m. Kay Bietry	30 July 1971	b. 08 Apr 1948
1) Mark		b. 19
2) Wade		1977
b) Terry Robert		b. 18 Aug 1949
m. Andrea Norris	14 June 1969	b. 17 May 1949
1) Dan		b. 1976
2) Caren		b. 1983
c) Kathryn		b. 15 June1952
m. Steven Marley	05 June 1971	b. 01 Oct 1949
1) Katrina		1974
2) Jason		1976
d) Todd Martin		b. 14 May 1956
m. Drusilla Greiser	04 Sept 1976	b. 11 Aug 1958
1) Bevin		1981
2) Bonnie		1984
e) Sally		b. 02 Sept 1957
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Margaret Jean Pfingstag		b 10 Dec 1929
m. Don Wayne Lyons	13 Jun 1959	b. 31 Dec 1928
a) Gary Wayne		b. 07 Mar 1962
m. Mia Riggs	20 Apr 1991	b. 13 Nov 1968
b) Amy Jean		b. 30 Nov 1966
m. Richard Brewster Holdeman	05 Aug 1989	b. 15 Feb 1966
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Ruth Louise Pfingstag		b. 05 May 1931
m. Richard Frederick Fox	07 Oct 1951	b. 26 Aug 1928

a) Linda Jane — b. 03 Jan 1955

m. Dallas Raymond Beach 20 May 1976 — b. 21 Sep 1947

1) Nicole — b. 1983

2) Theran — b. 1988

b) Karl Frederick — b. 25 Apr 1956

m. Beverly Ann Kaushagen 13 Nov 1982 — b. 12 Jun 1953

1) Carol — b. 1983

2) Eric Andrew — b. 1987

c) Eric Richard — b. 15 Oct 1957

m. Rita Louise Marchand 25 May 1985 — b. -3 Jun 1955

d) Stephen Paul — b. 02 June 1960

m. Pamela Rae Chambers 13 Aug 1982 — b 16 Sep 1960

1) Phillip — b. 1984

2) Jessica — b. 1986

3) Kristi — b. 1988

e) Alan Keith — b. 13 Nov 1965

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Richard Carl Pfingstag — b. 14 Feb 1939

The Hudson Pfingstag Family

Jan. 11, 1915, I, Dorothy Emma, was born in the house, 609 2nd Street, which had fond memories for so many children and grandchildren. Stella was teaching in a small rural school north of Pleasant Lake...her first year, although she was only 17. She stayed during the week with a farm family.

Paul says that I was born on the kitchen table. I had always thought I had been born in the downstairs bedroom. He also has vivid memories, while I was still a baby, of being sent uptown on an errand and overhearing sufficient muffled conversation among some of the adults that, upon his return home, he gave a rather garbled account of what he had heard to his mother. On this day, his father had driven out to the onion patch as usual in his model T touring car. He was returning home while it was still very early. Approaching the railroad crossing from the south he failed to see the train coming from the east. He didn't get all the way across the tracks before he was hit. The train demolished the car and almost did the same to Richard. (Mom always thought he had many things weighing on his mind which may have made him fail to see the train.)

The train engineer stopped, picked him up, and backed up the mile to the main crossing in Hudson which was just a block from the doctor's office where Richard was taken. He was presumed dead. Paul remembers that Morg Pike was there and elected to wash some of the blood from Richard's face. In the process Richard opened his eyes and the doctor quickly began to work on him and patch him up. (I remember being told that a sheet had been pulled over my father's face...until a moan was heard from him). Some years later he still complained of an aching shoulder, and for fifteen to twenty years he worked pieces of glass from his ear and hand.

After a few years, Stella began teaching in Hudson where she remained until she retired in 1952. At one time or another she taught all her brothers and sisters except Vivian.

Dad's brother Lou and three of his sisters had moved to Los Angeles. So the summer of 1920, our family, along with Carl Hardy's, drove their touring cars to California, camping along the way. It took about three weeks to drive out (the roads were dirt and in poor condition in many areas). The return was made in about a week by train, shipping the car back. This trip is covered in another chapter from a diary kept by Mom. The only member of the family not making this trip was Vivian who was still in the East. He had worked at the Hercules Powder Co. (a munitions factory) near New Brunswick, New Jersey, during WW I. Stella worked for a brief period in Dayton, Ohio making fuses for ammunition.

At some point in the early 1920's, the older boys worked hard on the corner lot and constructed a tennis court. Sod was removed and a good base of well-sifted soil was leveled and packed. Play helped keep weeds down, but some spraying, plus much scraping with special tools for such work had to be done often to keep it in shape. After all had gone from home, it was too much for Dad to keep up and eventually became a lawn area, again.

Paul entered high school, in Ashley, Indiana, at the age of 11, still wearing short pants. The principal thought he was just visiting. This was the only time the Pingstag brothers were connected with the same school. Viv, the oldest, was the basketball coach; Carl was a senior, (Herbert was away at college), and Paul was a freshman.

The summer of 1923, Herb and Carl entered the U. S. Naval Academy, graduating in the Class of 1927. Paul made up his mind to follow his brothers into the Nval Academy. He had graduated from high school at the age of 15, too young to get in. That summer he worked in his father's onion business. After Christmas he went to Washington, D.C. and enrolled in Devitt Prep School. He applied to the Academy but received no word back, so he entered Purdue University that Fall, only to leave after his first term and re-enter Devitt Prep. Knowing the right people got him an appointment, and he entered the Academy in July 1928.

I was given much more opportunity for musical training than any of the others in the family. When in the third grade I began the study of piano, and violin in the fifth (using a violin that Dad had). By that time there was the beginning of a fine school music program. A county supervisor came to the school once a week and encouraged the students to take lessons.

The folks got a Sears and Roebuck nickle plated cornet for Paul to begin studying through this school program. When he wasn't around I would fool around with it. Paul may have been more interested if he had started on a saxophone as his lips were a little thick for the comet and he had difficulty blowing it.

A school orchestra was started and players from orchestras in all the county schools would gather together on Saturdays in the gymnasium in Angola for rehearsals. Eventually, Tuesday evening rehearsals were held for a more select orchestral group. Music contests in each Township found many participants, with winners going to the County Contest, held in February, with schools closing down several days for this big event. In later years, the County winners often put on a program over the Ft. Wayne WOWO radio station.

By the seventh grade, I had also begun playing the cornet seriously, though not in the orchestra. My folks insisted that I not give up my violin or piano. Whenever there was a band to play in, I did...also playing solos, duets and trios throughout the rest of my schooling.

During my senior year at Pleasant Lake High School, I was asked by the music supervisor to conduct the rehearsals of the school orchestra in preparation for the county contest - which they won. This was excellent experience for, by that time, I figured I would probably go into public school music. I had even studied the clarinet, my senior year, so that I had some knowledge of all the families of instruments; string, brass, wind,and keyboard instruments (all but percussion). Largely because of all this experience, I never was required to study an instrument in college.

After graduation from the Academy, Herbert married Lesla Lukens, of Los Angeles, Oct 14, 1928. Carl married Margaret Ransburg of Pleasant Lake, July 1, 1929.

The summer of 1930 Stella, Lesla, and I took the train to Los Angeles. At some point, a niece of Herbert Riedel (Dad's youngest sister, Ida's, husband), who lived in Kentucky, joined us for the trip. Elfrieda Riedel planned to go to a junior college in Los Angeles, staying with another uncle and an Aunt Frieda and an Aunt Rose (all unmarried), who lived alongside her Uncle Herb. Lesla was going out to join up with Herbert Pfingstag who had been transferred to the West Coast for duty.

The spring of 1932 there were three graduations in the family: I from Pleasant Lake High School; Paul from the Naval Academy; and Herbert from post graduate work at MIT. Mom, Dad, and I drove to Annapolis to attend Paul's graduation and from there went on up to the Boston area to see Herb's ceremony. (Stella had gone out to Los Angeles for the summer so was not on this trip).

In August of 1932, Herb was transferred back to the West for duty. It was a good opportunity for me to ride out with him to Los Angeles where I stayed with Dad's sister Ida and family (Herbert Riedel and daughter Virginia). The Pfingstags, Lou, Lena, and Agnes lived on one side of Uncle Herb and Aunt Ida, and Herbert's brother Fred and two sisters lived on the other side. Their street later was obliterated to make room for one of the many freeways built throughout the city and surrounding areas. As was mentioned earlier, Elfrieda - who had gone out with Stella, Lesla, and me the summer of 1930, was living withFred Riedel and sisters and was attending a two year business college, at that time, the Los Angeles Junior College.

Claiming the Pfingstag's next door as my address, but living with Aunt Ida, Uncle Herb and cousin Virginia, I also began to attend the Los Angeles Junior College but as a transfer student, later, to the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

That fall of 1932, Mom and Dad drove their Viking four door car to Los Angeles. They had a wreck about half way out which delayed them until their car could be fixed up but, fortunately, neither was injured. Dad had hoped that things might work out so that he could live out there. However, the impact of the 1929 recession finally reached the small town of Hudson and the bankd had to close. Dad was a stockholder in that bank and, along with other stockholders, had to cover the losses. Thus ended his dream of living in California.

Sons Herbert and Carl came to Dad's aid and financially assisted me with $20 each a month so that I could stay and continue with my education. I went to and from classes via two street cars.

For two years there I enjoyed the Women's Athletic Association events very much and participated in softball (was pitcher as they allowed us to throw overhand) and had the highest batting average for that year; also took archery and was student head of archery my second term; besides other sports such as basketball, field hockey, etc. My major was in music with a minor in Physical Education. Also played my cornet in the college orchestra. My second year, Leroy Allen, a professor at the Junior College, organized an all-city band and I was asked to play in it - along with three other girls. While they never played for any specific program, we all enjoyed the Saturday rehearsals and really were a fine group of musicians. Leroy Allen went over to the U.C.L.A. faculty the same year that I transferred there for my last two years of college.

That summer before I had entered the Junior College, Elfrieda showed me the finger positions for typing. I worked at this until I no longer needed to look at the keys, and was able to earn a little spending money during later college years, typing term papers for other students...as well as finding it an invaluable aid in doing my own work.

At UCLA, there was no band in which the women students could participate. However, I played cornet in the University orchestra all the time I was there and was first chair of that section my senior year. Also while at UCLA, I lived in Westwood in a dormitory, working for my board.

The Fall of 1933 was another major event in the family with Paul marrying Martha Groverman (a sister of a Naval Academy classmate).

Shortly before graduation in 1936, I received word from a good friend and also voice supervisor of Steuben County when I was in high school - Wilma Dick (Hall). Wilma was leaving the County position and going to Elkhart so there was a vacancy coming up. I applied and received the position. As it happened, Dorothy Fee, who had been teaching instrumental music in the county, preferred vocal music and this worked out fine for we according to prior plans, switched jobs so that we were both happy.

Permit me a little reminiscing: My father used to get kidded about his "fifth" son...a good indication of what a tomboy I was. I really didn't care much about playing with dolls, though there were two I remember were my favorites. One was a slender "boy" doll made with velvet breeches and a shirt. Paul was very handy with his hands and had made a pair of overalls and a hammock (of overall material) which pleased me very much. Another larger doll, I called "Henry" after my mother's sister Maggie's husband. I really preferred being out playing ball or riding a bike.

I was only five-and-a-half, the summer the family returned from California, but I was admitted to the first grade. When I was in the primary grades there was still a high school in Hudson. I think we lost the high school about 1922, as Carl was in Ashley for his senior year, graduating in 1923. Anyway, about that time I was made mascot of the high school girls' basketball team. I can remember the outfit that was made for me, just like theirs, and remember running out at the head of the team when they warmed up. I don't recall that I could toss the ball high enough to get any baskets in, but I tried.

After the high school was gone, the school in Hudson was divided into three rooms. On the lower floor the first three grades were in one room and the 4th, 5th, and 6th, which Stella taught, were in the second. Upstairs were the 7th and 8th grades. Stella taught everyone of us except Viv. Having three grades in a room was challenging. If you had your own work done, you could listen and try to absorb what was going on in the grades ahead of you.

When we would line up to leave school, I would sometimes feel the edge of Stella's pointer. Some of the kids used to say, "I'm glad I'm not Stella's sister." I don't recall ever holding it against her, knowing that she felt she had to be pretty strict with me. I know I was no little angel, but sometimes when I got blamed for something someone else did, it was a bit upsetting.

Paul used to spend some time during the summer months, in Dayton with Uncle Will. Uncle Will (mother's sister Ida's husband), had a meat market near his home and Paul would work in it. One summer he came home with a dog. I'm not sure how old I was at the time, but I felt she was 'my' dog, too. We called her "Foxie."

I tried many ways to harness Foxie so she would pull me on a wagon, or bike. However, after spills and upsets when she decided to chase a cat, I finally decided it was easiest to just put on my roller skates, straddle her with my hands clasped across her chest and let her pull me. If she saw a cat, I could just let her run free. She seemed to enjoy these excursions around town as quite a lark, too.

Herbert and Carl had two idential 'Ranger' bicycles, except that one had a singe top bar and the other a double bar. I was not supposed to touch them. However, one day when Dad was away, I got one of them out and practiced riding it with one foot on the pedal...like a scooter...until I could keep my balance. Since my legs were not long enough for me to straddle the bar, I put one leg through under the cross bar, and thus was able to reach both pedals. By the time Dad got home, I was able to ride it around and so he never said too much about my disobedience.

Another time, I decided that the bike really ought to have the axles cleaned and greased. So I took the back wheel apart, cleaned it, greased it, and began to put it back together. That was my first lesson in the value of placing things in order as you take things apart so that you know how to put them back again. Well, I lucked out in that there were two bikes of the same make. So I took the second one apart slowly, laying each piece down in order...thus learning how to put the first one back together.

Again, sometime around 1920-21, Viv and the boys built the tennis court that remained on the first lot until after I was married and away from home. I can remember them sifting the soil to get the stones out. It was a dirt court which meant that it had to be weeded and rolled to keep in condition to play. I think they put salt or something to help hold the weeds down. It was a pretty good job, every spring, to get it ready, though. I played a lot of tennis as I was growing up.

I started at an early age to play piano for Sunday School and Church. The sight-reading experience was good for me. For years the teacher of our Sunday School class was Dahlia Brand. She lived in the country and I can remember having many class summer picnics at her home; a favorite place of ours as they had ponies which we could ride at those times.

This brings up another memory: for years I would write my letters to Santa asking for a pony or horse for Christmas. This one particular year, as usual, I slipped down stairs early. There was a rather large box with these words written on them: "DOROTHY'S SADDLE!!" I was so excited I yelled back upstairs...awakening everyone. "I got my pony because there's a saddle here!

Then I opened the box...inside was a little smaller box...I opened it. Each time I had a sinking feeling. The last box enclosed a small horse on a base with wheels to pull it around, a toy that had been in the family for some time. About that time the others were getting up. Herbert came down the stairs and, prolonging things, said..."Look, there's an ear of corn in your stocking. That surely must mean that there is a pony in the barn." In a little while, he called from the door, "Here's your horse, Dorothy"...bringing Foxie in.

That is how I learned there was no Santa Claus. Someone else had been reading my letters. For years, Stella would occasionally remark about how cruel she had thought it was for Herb to play that trick on me.

I loved to play baseball. Every recess, in Hudson, it seemed we ran out to the ball field behind the school. We would line up for play according to the number we yelled out first. The first couple of numbers would start out at bat, next would be the catcher, and then the pitcher. If you didn't make a number high enough for those positions you lined up in outfield and worked your way in. If you made an out, you went to the outfield. There usually weren't enough to have 'teams'. Someone told me that my brother Carl use to call out TWO, knowing that everyone else would start with ONE to be first one to bat but not early enough for me catch on.

In the winters when there was snow on the ground, we spent recesses and as much time as we could sliding down the hill on our sleds.

When in Stella's room at school, she used to seat us according to our average scores. Guess I did pretty well for I remember often sitting toward the front.

THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH
OF
HUDSON, INDIANA

A HISTORY

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HISTORY OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH IN HUDSON, INDIANA

The date of the organization of the United Brethren Church in Hudson (known as the Bethesda Class for many years) is in question. According to the "History of Northeast Indiana" published in 1920, the Bethesda Class was organized in 1843 with the following as members: Reverend John Johnson (also spelled Johnston in some records), Abraham Shaffstall, Frank Johnson, William Charlton, Rev. John Mosshammer, Elizabeth Mosshammer, Phillip Meese and wife and Jessie Davis and wife.

However, the Steuben County History, published in 1955, records the beginning of the Bethesda Class as follows: "In the early days, religious services were held in various homes. Out of this came the organized churches. A log church was located across the road from what is now known as the County Line Cemetery. Mr. Joseph Miller, a local preacher, planned to conduct a revival in this log church. He invited Mr. John Johnston to assist him. Mr. Miller was a Methodist, Mr. Johnston was a United Brethren. Many were brought into the fold and some thought they should all unite with the Methodists because Mr. Miller planned the meeting. Not so Mr. Miller. He stood at one end of the platform at the front of the building and asked Mr. Johnston to stand at the opposite end and then he told the new converts to make their own decisions as to which group they wished to join, and by going to either Mr. Miller or Mr. Johnston, they would show all present what their desire was. That was really the start of both demoninations in this section. The Methodist Church was organized by Joseph Miller, the United Brethren by John Johnston."

John Mosshammer was a very active member of the early Bethesda congregation. According to a biography of Mr. Mosshammer, he came to the U.S. from his native Germany about 1848, eventually coming to Angola where he stayed for a time with Dr. William Weicht. He later moved to a small farm in the Hudson area. Hudson at this time was known as North Benton. Mr. Mosshammer married Elizabeth Clark. There was only one church in this town. On one Sunday, the Methodists would hold their services in the church building and the next Sunday, the United Brethren would hold services. John Peter Mosshammer was converted at home about midnight one night. While of a quiet disposition he awakened his wife to tell her about his wonderful conversion. Elizabeth belonged to the Methodist Church so he thought he would join her church. He joined church the next Sunday, but after it was over, he found he had joined the United Brethren Church. Elizabeth withdrew her membership from the Methodist Church and placed it in the United Brethren. John Mosshammer became a "Supply Pastor", and later joined the German U.B. Conference and ministered in a number of towns in Ohio preaching in German as well as English.

In the Quarterly Conference Minutes for this Circuit, the written records start on December 18, 1863, the first meeting of the 1863-64 conference year. There are no names of churches given that made up this Circuit. John Mosshammer was chosen as Secretary. The names of the Presiding Elders, Lay Pastors, Class Leaders and Stewarts are given in the minutes. The first mention of the Classes in this Circuit is given in the 4th Quarter Minutes dated September 19, 1868. Those Classes were: Bethesda Chapel, #6, Morgan's Schoolhouse, Mt. Zion, Harpesters and Salem. The Trustees listed for Bethesda Chapel were: John Mosshammer, William Charlton and Fred Ritter. In March of 1869, John Ransburg was elected as a trustee in place of John Mosshammer whose term had expired.

An interesting note included in the minutes was: if someone's conduct was in question, someone was appointed to go to the individual and talk to them. Another note: "Whereas some members on the circuit paid the minister in produce charging a very high price for the same." Resolved: that the preacher shall accept such provisions only at market price. Even at this early date, the subject of secret societies was being discussed.

The first church was built at what is known as Holsinger's Corners 1/2 mile north of Hudson around 1870 or 1871. Prior to this, the membership worshiped in a barn on this same location. A few years later, this building was moved to the village on a lot south of the Joseph Zonker property and became a general purpose hall for the town meetings, school plays, medicine shows and other activities. When no longer needed in this capacity, Carl Hardy purchased it and used it for an onion storage. Later, he gave the building to the U. B. Church (the lots adjoin) for a Fellowship Hall. A new church had been built in 1887, however, there is no mention of this in the Quarterly Conference records. Reverend W. H. Clay wrote concerning this new church for the Christian Conservator, January 12, 1888:

"December 18, A.D. 1887 was a high day in Hudson, Indiana among conservative United Brethren. For several years the members of the class, believing that the old "Bethesda" Church called for too many repairs, which at best would leave it very faulty, and that it was too far out of town, had been agitating the important matter of building a new church. A year ago one of the most enthusiastic church builders of the North Ohio Conference, Rev. J. W. Martin, was sent to the field, Steuben Circuit, and seeing the necessity that was upon the class at once proceeded to institute measures to meet it. After persistent and thorough solicitation he secured enough to justify the erection of the building. The house is 34 x 54, brick veneered, slate roof, grouted wall, stone sills to windows and doors, a unique tower and belfry, stained glass windows, roomy aisles, pulpit recess and an alter construction specially adapted to the old line of United Brethren work. The house is warmed by a furnace, and the lights are "Bailey Reflectors" and the seats are of the easiest pattern and sufficiently far apart to allow the whole congregation to kneel. The bell weighs 1021 pounds. The cost of the house is $3,700. On the day of the dedication, there was found to be an indebtedness of nearly $600. Bishop N. Castle had been engaged to dedicate the house and after presenting a very clever train of thought on "Faith Victories", he secured in cash and subscriptions $704, and in the evening, formally dedicated the house to God.

" . . . The ladies by subscription (please note, not by Donkey socials, not mush and milk, necktie, apron string, woman sales or other God dishonoring, soul-destroying gambling shifts) secured money for the best of carpets for the platform and aisles, and 3 Bailey Reflectors of the richest patterns.

"Brother Martin is true to the principles of our present constitution and did a good thing in having the following provision inserted in the deed. After the description of the premises deeding them to the United Brethren in Christ follow these words: "And, provided also, that if said church should ever divide or in any way separate, all the right, title and claim, either in law or equity, shall be vested in the part of the church that maintains the constitution, adopted in A.D. 1841, and rejects the work of the commission provided for in May A.D. 1885 and preserves its effectual opposition to Secret Societies." "

Mr. Louis Bonebrake relates a story when a boy of 11 years old. He went to school in the old Maple Grove school house. One day in the late part of 1887, Mr. Shumann went to the little town of Summit to get the great bell that peals out from the church belfry. The teacher allowed all of the children to go to the windows and look. Here came Mr. Shumann with a flat-rack wagon, drawn by a sorrel and bay team, the great bell so beautiful a tone was brought to Hudson in this manner.

A split in the United Brethren in Christ demonination in the late 1880's affected the local United Brethren Churches. In the Quarterly Conference minutes for November 1, 1890 is the first mention of the "Old Line U.B.'s" In the January 23, 1892 minutes, the term "Radical U.B.'s" is used. Lake Valley Church is mentioned for the first time, this was a split from Mt. Zion as this church went with the group approving of secret societies. The church at Pleasant Lake also went with the liberal group. Bethesda stayed with the "Old Line" group.

Problems did arise within the Bethesda Church in the 1893-94 era regarding having an organ placed in the church. After several meetings, an investigating committee and an arbrator appointed, it was finally agreed to permit the use of the organ with the limitations as presented in the paper upon motion the Quarterly Conference determined to take the expressions by ballot. The final vote was seventeen for and seven against the use of the organ.

In the minutes of the Third Quarterly Conference meeting on April 4, 1896, the following resolution was presented and adopted:
"Whereas the society at Hudson, the Official Board and the Quarterly Conference have by vote at elections duly held and meetings properly called, decided to use the organ in the Sabbath School and on funeral occasions when desired by friends of the deceased and whereas to do otherwise would be in the sense of this Quarterly Conference, an act of unsubordination to the regularly constituted authorities of the church. But desirous of to maintain the peace and welfare of our Zion as well as to promote its best interest. Therefore, be it resolved by this Quarterly Conference convened at Hopewell appointment, Steuben County, Indiana this 4 day of April 1896 that the Pastor and Elder are hereby authorized and instructed to submit the proceedings had in this matter from the first until this present time to the Board of Bishops at their next annual meeting in May for their counsel and advice and if they approve the course already taken, then shall the organ be replaced in the church and Henry Shuman, the superintendent of the school and Alonzo Teeters, Assistant Superintendent, are hereby authorized and instructed to replace it. Signed: S. Munday, J. Ritter, Elmer Ritter and W. Ritter"

At an extra session on June 18, 1896, a resolution was presented and carried that the Board of Trustees of the Bethesda Church be removed and a new board was elected.

In the minutes of November 2, 1895, Hudson is mentioned for the first time. However, Bethesda is continued in usage for a number of years.

Ladies' names started to appear as members of the Quarterly Conference in October of 1898. A note added on April 15, 1900 stated that attendance was picking up at Hudson. Hudson's assessment towards the pastor's salary in 1910 - 11 was $125.00.

Objections were raised in 1911 to Hudson for taking other literature than what the U.B.'s published. Lights were placed in the parsonage valued at $7.00.

No 1st quarterly conference was held in the 1918-19 conference year because of a flu epidemic. At the March 27, 1920 meeting, it was reported that good revivals had been held.

It was reported at the Quarterly Conference meeting held October 14, 1922 that Hudson had an enrollment of 138, the average attendance was 81. A year later, the enrollment was still 138, but the average attendance had climbed to 92 and the average Sunday School collection was $3.91 and it was stated that the church was using the U.B. literature. The average attendance by October of 1924 was 118.

In December of 1924, Rev. A. M. Stucker, pastor of the church was quarantined for 5 weeks because of scarlet fever in the family. In March of 1926 and December of 1927, it was stated that attendance at the Quarterly Conference meetings were low because of bad roads (March) and bad roads and weather (December).

With the attendance growing, the Bethesda Class needed to expand. An addition was added to the north side of the building for additional class-rooms, and the entry-way was changed. A big celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the dedication of the church was held with Dr. W. H. Clay as the main speaker, he was pastor of the Bethesda Church when it was built in 1887. The celebration was held on September 19, 1927. According to a news-paper article, there was more than 100 people sharing in the bountiful basket dinner which was held in the town hall. Also speaking during the day were Rev. F. F. DeGroff and Rev. A. E. Stucker, both former pastors of the church.

In April of 1928, Bethesda listed 132 members. The Quarterly Conference meeting in December of 1928 had a low attendance due to much sickness. In March of 1929, revivals were hindered by severe ice all over the district. A note in the March, 1931 Conference minutes states that "due to the depression, finances are low."

By the 1938-39 conference year, the only churches left on the Steuben Circuit were Hudson and Helmer. In February of 1949, it was suggested that each of these 2 churches have a separate pastor.

The Quarterly Conferences were discontinued after the 1949-50 conference year.

In 1987, another addition was made to the church with a nursery, narthex and rest rooms on the main floor added. The front entry way was changed back to how it was originally built. A 100 year celebration of the building of this church building was held with former pastors, Bishop Miller, Conference Superintendent Alfred Price along with members, former members and friends of the Hudson church in attendance. A bontiful potluck dinner was held in the Fellowship Hall.

The Hudson U.B. Church, like all churches, has had its ups and downs over the years. Of all of the early United Brethren Congregations which were

a part of the old Steuben Circuit, only Hudson remains. Mt. Zion and Pleasant Lake became United Methodist due to a merger in the late 1960's.

God has blessed our church, the town of Hudson and the surrounding community. Many people have been won to the Lord and served Him faithfully due to the outreach of the faithful Christians that have attended the United Brethren Church in Hudson. This church is indeed a landmark in this small rural town in the heartland of America and we hope it will continue to be a beacon for the Lord's work until He returns.

PASTORS OF STEUBEN CIRCUIT, NORTH OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1862 - 1863, Jonathan Thomas

1863 - 1864, A. Miller

1864-1865, John Johnson

1865-1866, Richard T. Martin

1866-1867, John Johnson

1867-1869, Emanuel Miller

1869-1870, J. K. Swihart

1870-1872, J. K. Alwood

1872-1873, W. O. Dinius

1873-1875, R. T. Martin

1875-1876, J. W. DeVilbis

1876-1877, J. W. Martin

1877-1880, Joseph Brown

1880-1881, S. W. Redman

1881-1883, J. S. Tedrow

1883-1885, A. E. Gaff

1885-1886, Joseph Brown

1886-1887, J. W. Martin

1887-1889, W. H. Clay

1889-1892, A. B. Lilly

1892-1893, J. E. Bodine

1893-1894, A. H. Tussing

1894-1895, J. F. Metzler

1895-1896, George W. Bechtol

1896-1897, J. D. Snyder

1897-1899, E. C. Mason

North Ohio Annual Conference was called Michigan Conference until 1869.

Steuben Circuit was in Sandusky Conference until 1861 when it was transferred to Michigan. I do not know if the Bethesda Church was in existence at that time however.

In the Sandusky annual conference minutes of 1857, I found the following:

From the Boundaries Committee report:

'That a mission be located in Steuben Co. Ind. embracing the appointments falling to us from the St. Joseph Conference viz: Daniel's, Mark's, Shopstalls, Thomson's Mill, Baker's Cary's and Walter's and called Steuben Mission.

That the Steuben and Toledo Mission belong to the Maumee District."

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Beginning with 1950, Hudson was a station and there was no longer a Steuben Circuit

1899-1901, H. C. Foote. Rev. Foote served all but the last quarter in the Conference year in 1901, when he resigned to accept a position as foreman at the United Brethren Publishing Establishment. J. D. Snyder finished the last quarter of the conference year for Steuben Circuit.

1901-1902, A. H. Tussing

1902-1903, L. M. Davis

1903-1904, L. M. Davis was assigned but resigned.
A. H. Dunlap was appointed

1904-1906, G. F. Hall

1906-1908, N. J. Clay

1908-1910, F. A. Dentel

1910-1911, M. A. Mason (C. D. Oberlin was assigned but resigned)

1911-1912, William Hagaman (C. L. Snyder assigned but resigned. Hagaman appointed)

1912-1913, R. Wymer (E. W. Flickinger assigned but resigned. Wymer appointed.)

1913-1916, Daniel E. Fredrick

1916-1921, Charles Mansberger

1921 C. L. Snyder (I could find no record of how long he served but O. G. Alwood's name is on the reports for that year, so I assume that the listing on the program may be correct about each having served 6 mo.)

1922, O. G. Alwood

1922-1923, U. S. Wertenbarger

1923-1928, A. E. Stucker

1928-1935, F. F. DeGroff

1935-1938, W. W. Throop

1938-1940, F. F. Suter

1940-1943, H. W. Flickinger

1943-1948, M. E. Burkett

1948-1953, Donald Baney

1953-1956, L. J. Throop

1956-1957, R. T. Nevins

1957-1959, Norman Russell

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1959-1968, Willard Sanders

1968-1969, Howard Cherry

1969-1982, Robert Staup
1981-1982, William Lepley was Assistant pastor

1982-1985, Duane A. Reahm

1985-1986, George Cole

1986-1989 Doyle Clark

1989-1989 Willard Sanders (Interim pastor)

1989- Craig Burkholder

Information for this history was taken from:

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Northeast History of Indiana published in 1920

Quarterly Conference Minutes from 1863 - 1950

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U. B. CHURCH AT HUDSON IS 50 YEARS OLD

Fine Program Features the Golden Jubilee of Dedication of Church on Sunday

FIRST MINISTER THERE

The United Brethren Church at Hudson celebrated the 50th anniversary of its erection on Sunday, September 19. During this lovely autumn day a host of friends and members of the church returned to reminisce and renew acquaintances. Few of those who attended the dedication of the church in 1887, were present at the Golden Anniversary. The speaker of the morning was Dr. W. H. Clay, who served as the minister in 1887. He reviewed the days of long ago, when grandparents of the present generation were establishing homes, churches and schools.

More than a hundred people gathered at the Town Hall to partake of the bountiful basket dinner.

Rev. F. F. DeGroff, a former pastor brought the message of the afternoon, and emphasized the need of vision in spiritual growth. Rev. A. E. Stucker, another former pastor, delivered a stirring message in the evening. He urged that we preserve the ancient landmarks which the fathers set.

Mrs. Telitha McDowell, of Hollywood, California, sent a greeting by airmail which was read to those present.

I. F. Meese and wife, of Sturgis, Michigan, were among those present. Mr. Meese gave a short talk including reminiscences of those days when the church was established in this community. He said that he was present when the original church was dedicated, seventy years ago.

Mrs. S. C. Wolfe, of Angola, Ind., wife of Dr. S. C. Wolfe, and a daughter, of the Rev. James W. Martin, now deceased, who as pastor secured the funds for the present church, was among those present.

The following history of the church was read by Mrs. Ancil Buss.

In the spring of 1887, Bethesda church, located at Bethesda Corners, a half mile north of Hudson, Indiana, felt the urgent need of a new house of worship. The minister, Rev. James Martin, circulated a subscription list to raise the necessary funds. The largest pledge was made by Uncle Billy Charlton, as he was usually called. He also purchased and donated the lot in Hudson, where the new church was to be located. He stipulated in the deed that the property forever remain in the possession of the United Brethren church (old constitution). The contractor was Daniel Dole. It was an opportune time to build, for material and labor were cheap. The ingrain carpet, and velvet prayer rug for the pulpit, were purchased in Fort Wayne by Mrs. Dole. The rug is still being used today.

At the annual conference in August, Rev. Martin was not returned, but Wm. Clay was sent to this charge. The new church was completed that fall, and dedicated on Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18, 1887. The beautiful stained glass drops sparkled with rainbow colors, must have been a beautiful sight. The benches in the Amen Corner were full. The aisles were crowded with extra chairs. What Amens and shouts must have rung out as those people of God dedicated themselves anew to the service of the Master.

This church so well built and so successfully dedicated, was destined to pass safely through the troubled years of dissension, economic depression and war. Among the stars on our World War Service Flag, is a gold one, and today we pause to honor the memory of Garl Clark, whose death in training camp occurred just before the signing of the Armistice.

By 1925, increasing Sunday school attendance created a need for the enlargement of the church building. Funds were pledged, and the adjoining property, belonging to Al Libey, was purchased. Six class rooms were added to the church building.

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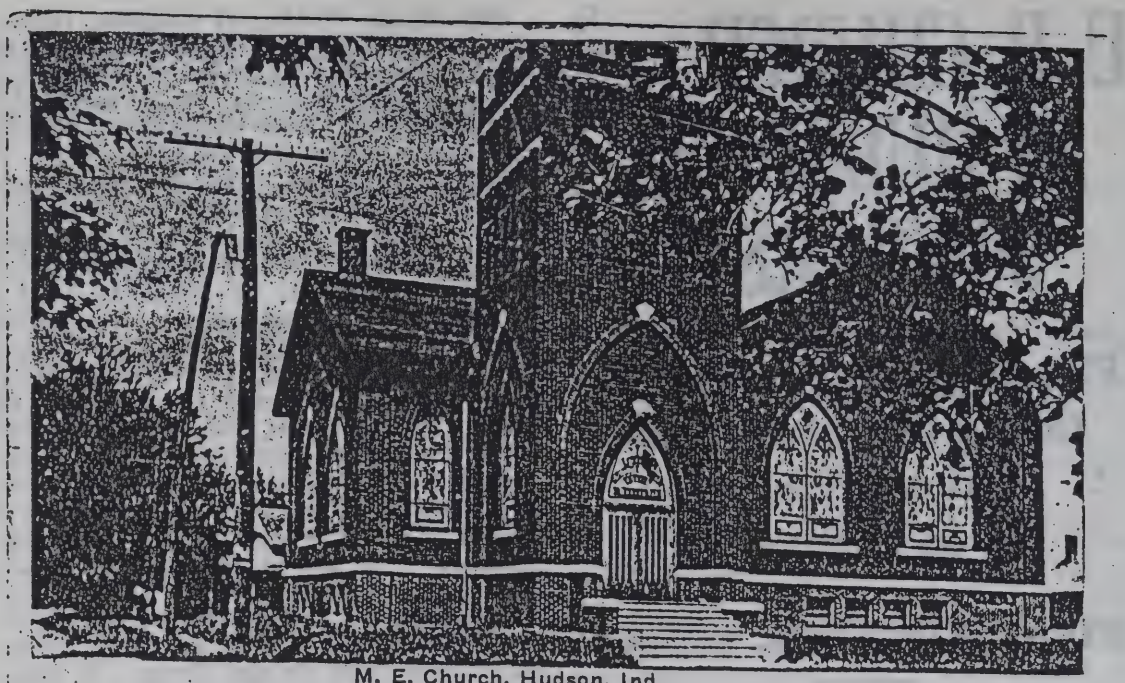

M. E. Church, Hudson, Ind.

Picture was contributed by Mrs. Kenneth (Alice) Kistler

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The picture above of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Hudson, appears exactly as I remember it from my earliest childhood. I was born August 14, 1923, in Hudson, to Charles and Berniece (Ringler) Rowe.

Wava Rowe White

INTRODUCTION

TO

THE HUDSON METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY

The Ashley and Hudson Methodist Churches were, from time to time, on the same charge, so the pamphlet would be of interest to both communities. Since it had a limited circulation, probably few copies are still in existence.

We believe that it is an important source of information for Ashley-Hudson historians and descendants who once or still live in those communities.

Many names are listed, and have been fully indexed in the general index of this volume.

Wava Rowe White

THE HUDSON METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY

1854 - 1954

Compiled by Rev. A. E. Scotten

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IN GRATITUDE

"Your spire, O Church, has summoned me,
Your chimes called out insistently.
Your beacon light has served as guide
To doorways always opened wide.
Your sanctuary helped me find
The needed strength, the peace of mind.
The silence and the beauty there
Were in themselves a call to prayer,
The Scripture, songs, the spoken word,
The anthems of the choir—all stirred
My heart and thought until, at length,
I have come forth with new-found strength.
My doubt is gone and all my fear,
And God himself is very near."

Rev. A. E. Scotten, *Chairman*
Mrs. Frank Strock, *Sec.*
Mrs. Dell Libey
Mrs. Rush Smathers
Mrs. Perth Clark

The Hudson Methodist Church History
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History is a record of the life of mankind. It may be divided into, Profane, which is a record of the political doing of mankind: or Sacred, which is a record of the religions of mankind.

As man developed his political life, there grew up with it his belief in a Deity. Wherever he has gone this has gone with him. It was this belief, this soul hunger, that lead the early settlers in this country, in various communities to organize religious societies and establish places of worship. These were often organized in the homes of the people, where they met until a place of worship could be erected. A record of these things is both interesting and instructive. It was in this spirit that a few persons began what later developed into the Methodist Church of Hudson, Indiana.

The leading spirit in the organization was Mr. Joseph Miller, a local preacher. The organization was effected in 1854. The first members were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenamyer, Mr. and Mrs. David Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. John Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. John Leeper, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rutan, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas West, and Mr. and Mrs. Ephriam Shipe, Mr. Shipe being Class Leader for many years. There were perhaps others whose names could not be recalled. Regular services have been maintained since the organization of the Church.

The first place of worship was a log Church located across the road from what is now known as the County-line cemetery. Later when the Evangelical Association built a short distance West, they worshipped there for awhile. Then, coming to Hudson the Society worshipped in a school house south of the Wabash railroad. In 1874 a lot was secured and a church built at the present location. Rev. M. H. Mott was pastor. The building a frame structure 34x56 ft., and costing $3,500 was erected. This served the congregation until 1916. Following a big revival led by Rev. D. A. J. Brown, additional space was needed and the present structure, of brick veneer was built at a cost of approximately $15,000. The building committee was composed of Rev. D. A. J. Brown, chairman; Mr. H. C. Doty, Mr. Frank Strock, and Dr. C. M. Snowberger, treasurer; Mr. B. B. Ritter was the contractor and builder. The trustees were Mr. Samuel Harpham, Mr. H. C. Doty, Mr. Myron Deller, Mr. George Frederick, Mr. F. H. Butler, Mr. Jacob Hart, Mr. John Shaffstall, Mr. George Fisher and Mr. Ancil Murden. The building was dedicated September 23, 1917, by Rev. A. E. Smith, president of Ohio Northern College. Rev. Thomas Nickolson was bishop and Dr. W. W. Martin, district superintendent. Since that time the church has been a station appointment. The class had been connected with various circuits; Corun-

na, Stone's Corners, Wayne Center, Salem Center and Ashley, up to that time. The roster of pastors is found in the back of the book.

CLASS MEETING

For a great many years Sunday School preceded the Church Service and before this Church became a charge, on alternate Sundays a Class Service was held after Sunday School. A layman was appointed Class Leader for a year and he conducted the meeting which included a Bible Lesson, Prayer and Personal Testimony. A mid-week prayer service was held regularly up to 1948.

The preaching service is now held at 9:30 with Sunday School at 10:30. This change was made in 1941.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The church has always maintained a Church School which has borne its part in Bible teaching and training of both old and young. Many of the recruits have come to the church through the Church School. A complete list of those who have served as superintendents has been hard to get. However, among those who have served we name the following: Joseph Mead, Samuel Fergueson, Alonzo Hathaway, William Wallace, C. E. Frederick, Ancil Murden, B. B. Ritter, F. M. Miller, who served fifteen years, (1907-22), R. J. Clark, who served seventeen years, (1922-39), Herbert Hamilton, Carl Strock, Orval Bair, Wendel Allen, Ira Bright and Paul Snyder, the present superintendent.

Likewise, we have tried to compile a list of the teachers who have served. Those who have given time and devotion are Mrs. John Shaffstall, Mrs. Mary Ruth, Mrs. Ira Allerton, Mrs. Frances Ketchum, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Mountz, Mr. H. B. Melendy, Dr. F. C. Hamilton, Mr. Henry Lawson, Mrs. William Hamilton, Miss Eunice Diffenbaugh, Mrs. Arthur Dole, Mrs. Bert Leas, Miss Mary Mountz, Mrs. Dessa Mountz Lowe, Mr. Vivian Blackburn, Mr. Jacob Hart, Mrs. H. L. Richardson, Mrs. Fridenberger, Mrs. Maude Orr, Mrs. H. B. Garmire, Mrs. Poorman, Mrs. Walter Britton, Mrs. Rice, Mr. John Morrison, Prof. F. H. Speaker, Mrs. Harvey Deller, Mr. Perry Delong, Prof. Elbert Bradner, Mrs. Roy Waterman, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Zeigler, Mrs. C. E. Frederick, Mrs. A. MacDowell, Mrs. Clarence West, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sturgis, Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Spangler, Dr. C. M. Snowberger, Prof. W. I. Lower, Mrs. Letha Howard, Prof. J. W. Fleming, Mr. Clyde Dole, Mrs. F. M. Miller, Mrs. M. L. Hardingham, Mrs. Ira Mortorff, Mrs. Carl Leas, Mr. Ed Jones, Mrs. Frank Strock, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Collins, Mrs. Ross Lacey, Rev. D. A. J. Brown, Mrs. Don Rundles, Mrs. Ora Libey, Mr. and Mrs. Rush Smathers, Mrs. L. R. Sutherlin, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Scotten, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rowe, Mrs. Otto Frederick, Mrs. Earl Smitley, Mrs. Jennings Luttman, Mrs. Wilmont Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Putt, Mrs. Ralph Libey, Mr.

Kedric Smathers, Mrs. E. O. Kegerreis, Mr. Max Smathers, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Allen, Mr. John Clark Jr., Mr. Ray Weilbaker, Rev. and Mrs. Rex Custer, Mrs. Mark Burnett, Mrs. Dale Parr, Mrs. Jesse Greenamyer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Goodrich, Mrs. S. N. Ringler, Mrs. Harry Anderson, Mrs. John Tressler, Miss Janice Allen, Miss Charlene Holsinger, and Mrs. Robert Shire.

All of these teachers have had some part in moulding the character of many girls and boys, Eternity alone will tell how much good these unpaid workers have done. Many times they have worked without thanks. Their patience was often tried, but they toiled on and in the hereafter in God's book of remembrance their names will shine as the stars of the firmament.

MUSIC

It has been said that "Music hath charms to sooth the savage breast." While this is true it has also many times been used to incite men to battle. The war drums have been heard time and again. However, it has remained for the Church to take this inherent trend and turn it to good account. Music lifts the hearts and souls of men above mundane things into the eternal. The singing of hymns really helps us to understand and approach God. They speak in the highest levels of our minds and emotions. Hymns express praise, thanksgiving, trust, hope, truth, courage, and faith. Nothing can open the way for a beautiful worship experience as a choir and congregation heartily singing unto the Lord.

The Hudson church has always had those that were interested in this part of Christian work, pumping away at the old organ or graciously presiding at the piano. Doubtlessly Mrs. J. W. Eminhiser and Mrs. B. B. Ritter have given more years to this than anyone else. But we recall the names of Miss Elta Ruth, Mrs. A. J. Kimmel, Mrs. William Mead, Mrs. Vianna Strong, Mrs. C. E. Frederick, Mrs. Ora Libey, Mrs. Chris Strong, Mrs. A. E. Scotten, Mrs. Don Rundles, Mrs. Ora Gilbert, Mrs. N. H. Erwin, Mrs. Frances Colbert, Mrs. Darrell Hughes, Mrs. R. J. Clark, Mr. Harold Reinoehl, Mrs. Joe Lynn, Mrs. Arthur Loucks, Miss Janet Hawes, Mrs. Wendel Allen, Mrs. Kenneth Kistler and many others who have substituted at different times.

Others who have been helpful in the music are those who have helped with the vocal part. We gladly mention the following: Miss Mamie Fergueson, Mrs. Maude Orr, Mrs. Charles Osborn, Mr. Hans Woodford, Mr. F. M. Miller, Mrs. A. J. Kimmel, Mrs. Vianna Strong, Mrs. Henry Snyder, Mrs. George Fisher, Miss Geneva Frazier, Misses Bertha and Mae Niswander, Mr. George Snyder, Mrs. B. B. Libey, Miss Mabel Fisk, Mrs. B. J. Frederick, Mrs. John Adams, Mr. Boyd Davis, Mrs. Gillie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Frederick, Mr. George Reinoehl, Mrs. Bernice Ozman, Mrs. Willa Hartzler, Mr. Percy Miller, Mrs. Jay Dole, Mr. Will Snyder, Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Tracey, Mrs. Bert Shields, Mrs. Dorthea McEntee, Mrs. Mildred Green, Mr. and Mrs. L.

R. Sutherlin, Mrs. F. H. Butler, Mr. B. B. Ritter, Mrs. Ed Jones, Mrs. Dell Ruckman, Mrs. Ora Libey, Mrs. Orval Bair, Mrs. Don Rundles, Mrs. Wilmont Hawes, Mrs. Richard Lepley, Mrs. H. Notestine, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Scotten, Mrs. Norman Cassel, Mrs. Adolph Schmidt, Mrs. Gorden Dale, Miss Mary Lois Rundles, Mrs. Loyd Alexander, Mrs. Ross Lacey, Mrs. Irene Heffingler, Mrs. James Entrekin, Mrs. Glenna Harnishfeter, Mrs. Joe Lynn, Mrs. Neil Dunkelberger, Mrs. Joe Oulette, Messrs. Howard and Harold Reinoehl, Messrs. Kedric and Max Smathers, Mr. Herbert Hamilton, Mr. Carl Strock, Mr. John Clark Jr., Miss Janice Allen, Mrs. Kenneth Koeppe, Mrs. Noble Wall, Miss Alta Jean McClish, Miss Charlene Holsinger, Mrs. Cleetus Sanders, Miss Marsha Allen, Miss Marie Libey, Miss Connie Holsinger, Miss Janet Hawes, Miss Eleanor Goodrich, Miss Sally Dodge, Miss Marsha Fretz, Miss Sandra Loucks, Mrs. Mark Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Clark, Mr. Paul Snyder, Mr. Darrel Hughes, Mr. Marshall Dole, Mr. S. N. Ringler and Mr Ira Bright. Mr. William Melvin at present is directing the choir and has done much for its progress. The choir appeared for the first time, in robes, on March 22, 1953.

YOUTH PROGRAM

An Epworth League was organized March 8, 1891, by Rev. M. L. Pierce. The first president was Mr. Arthur Dole. Others who have served in that capacity are Mrs. Maude Orr, Mrs. H. Garmire, Mr. J. W. Morrison, Mrs. N. P. Barton, Mrs Ira Mortorff, Mrs. R. J. Clark, Mr. Orval Bair, Mrs. Ralph Libey, Mr. Max Smathers and Mr. Herbert Hamilton. The society has had its seasons of refreshing and depression, but has kept itself intact, and has done much good among the young people.

Junior and Intermediate Leagues have been organized at different times. One was organized April 15, 1894 under Rev. J. W. Welch. Among those who have served as superintendents are: Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. James DeBolt, Mrs. Rice, Miss Mae Niswander, Mrs. Walter Britton, Mr. John Egger, Mrs. Elbert Bradner, Mr. C. R. Withington, Miss Jessie Sherrow, Mrs. Maude Orr, Mrs. S. I. Ziechel, Mrs. Ora Libey, Mrs. Ira Mortorff, Mrs. M. L. Hardingham and Mrs. Orval Bair.

Among the pastors' wives, Mrs. S. I. Ziechel is justly entitled to special mention for the outstanding work with the juniors, serving 1918-20. Mrs. Ora Libey then became superintendent of that department and gave many years of faithful and effective service.

In 1945 during the pastorate of Rev. Rex Custer a Junior Church was established. The kitchen was converted into a very fine chapel for the children. The opening service was held on February 14th with Mrs. Don Davenport as superintendent. Other workers were Mrs. Ralph Libey, Mrs. Franklin Fifer, Mrs. Rozella Mills, Mrs. Dale Parr, Mrs. Max Smathers, Miss Marsha Allen, Mrs. Jesse Greenamyer, Mrs. Jennings Luttman.

The present superintendent of Junior Church is Mrs. Paul Strock assisted by Mrs. Jennings Luttman, Miss Marie Libey and Mrs. Robert Gonser.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

The Ladies Aid Society has played an important part in the life of the church, coming to her rescue many times. Among those who have served as presidents are the following: Mrs. Daniel Dole, Mrs. John Shaffstall, Mrs. George Frederick, Miss Jennie Battershall, Mrs. Adam Ritter, Mrs. Al MacDowell, Mrs. A. J. Kimmel, Mrs. Charles Reed, Mrs. U. A. Spangler, Mrs. Carrie Chamberlin and Mrs. Gertrude Clay. Perhaps those who have served in the most unique way are Mrs. Carrie Chamberlin, who was president 12 years and Mrs. Frank Strock who served as treasurer 23 years, 1917-1940. During this period $6,197.34 was earned and $6,168.22 expended. Over $1,000 was paid toward the expense of remodeling the church. (A pledge made in 1916.) In 1929 carpet was bought for the auditorium and part of the class rooms. Radiator covers were installed and 100 folding chairs purchased. A cistern was built at the church. The aid paid the initial assessment of $78.00 on the district parsonage, being the first in the district to complete their part of this project. This occured during the pastorate of Rev. A. E. Scotten, Dr. W. W. Wyant being the district superintendent. The aid assumed quite a share of the purchase price of the local parsonage, and did keep it in repair and insured until 1941. The parsonage was modernized in 1943. A fine refrigerator was installed in May 1952.

A Women's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in 1919 during the pastorate of Rev. S. I. Ziechel with eighteen members taking active part. Mrs. A. J. Kimmel, Mrs. C. J. Clay, Mrs. Ora Libey, Mrs. H. C. Doty, Mrs. A. MacDowell and Mrs. F. M. Miller served as presidents.

With the union of the three branches of Methodism and in accordance with the plan set up at the General Church Conference of 1940, the Ladies Aid Society and the Women's Missionary Societies were merged to form the Women's Society of Christian Service.

The charter meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service for Hudson Methodist Church was held in the church auditorium September 13, 1940. Mrs. Carrie Chamberlin was the first president followed by Mrs. C. J. Clay, Mrs. Don Rundles, Mrs. Rush Smathers, Mrs. S. N. Ringler and Mrs. Don Rundles was again elected in 1954.

Besides their contribution to the mission fields this organization has sponsored the re-decorating of the parsonage and made some improvements on the heating equipment there.

At the church the roof was repaired, the vestibule re-decorated, rubber matting was placed on the inside steps, cupboards, stoves and a sink were added to the kitchen, most of the dining tables were re-

built. Much of the carpenter work was donated by Mr. B. B. Ritter and Mr. Spencer Ringler. The ladies added to the table service, both china and silver.

MEMORIALS

Besides those already mentioned in a special way there are others whose work we felt needed special mention. There are things which have such a personal touch that they stand out a little more clearly than others. In the first church there was a walnut pulpit which was built by Mr. Annias Ropp. It is said to have been a real work of art. What became of it is not known. It is a pity that such a piece of furniture expressing love and devotion should have disappeared. Mr. Ropp also secured the subscription for the purchase of the bell on the old church which is still used to summon the people to worship. The present pulpit was built by Mr. John Shaffstall and is certainly a lovely piece of furniture. Mrs. John Shaffstall, familiarly called "Aunt Hannah" taught the primary class for a period of perhaps forty-five years. No doubt serving in this capacity longer than any other person. Mrs. Sadie Shipley during a time of depression solicited enough money to buy the beautiful communion set which is still in use. She is now ninety-five years old.

Several gifts to the church are held in sacred memory of former members. Mrs. D. M. Dole donated the Bible which lays on the pulpit. The illuminated cross was given by the Mr. W. I. Lower family of Fort Wayne in memory of Mrs. A. J. Kimmel. The picture of the Lord's Supper was a gift by Mrs. Arthur Hawes in memory of her mother, Mrs. Vianna Strong. In 1946, Mr. H. L. Richardson of Paducah, Kentucky gave a fine communion table in memory of his wife, Bernice Mountz Richardson and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Mountz. In 1946, Mrs. C. J. Clay suggested that a bulletin board be purchased and placed on the church lawn, making an initial offering, but the contributions at that time were insufficient to go ahead with the project. In 1950, Mrs. Nellie Butler Ewers made a generous contribution to this fund in memory of her former husband, Mr. Fred Butler, and it was dedicated in memory of him by Rev. Rex Custer, April 23, 1950.

In 1952 the Christian flag was given to the church by Class No. 6 followed in 1953 by the gift of the United States flag by the Mr. J. Ray Weilbaker family. The pedal base organ was installed on Labor Day, September 7, 1953, a gift by Mr. Adolph Schmidt, of Hillsdale, Michigan.

Among those who served the church in an official capacity was Dr. F. C. Hamilton, who was recording steward for many years and whose home was always open to pastors and district superintendents. Mr. Fred Butler was Sunday school treasurer and Mr. Loyd Hamilton, missionary treasurer, for many years. Mrs. Henry Childs and Mrs. H. C. Doty served as church treasurers for a number of years followed

by Mrs. Frank Strock and Mrs. Jeanette Fanning. Mr. Paul Strock held the office of church treasurer from 1934-43 and after his return from military service he again assumed this work, serving from 1946 until the present. Mr. Kenneth Kistler is the present financial secretary, having served in this capacity since 1943. The dual system of bookkeeping was set up June 1, 1947.

The Lord's Acre project was started in the spring of 1949 through the efforts of Mr. Wendell Allen and Rev. Rex Custer and was sponsored by Class No. 6. It was taken over by the Men's Brotherhood in the spring of 1951 at the time that group was organized. They received their charter in May, 1953. With the funds raised though the Lord's Acre project the church was competely rewired, a well was drilled, and rest rooms were installed in the church. At the completion of this work a dedication service was held on the morning of August 5, 1951. In the spring of 1953 the church was redecorated.

In November, 1951, a new type of bulletin was introduced by Rev. Mark O. Burnett. A fine picture of our church adorns the front and on the back is the official directory. Five thousand of those were printed at this time.

The present trustees are Bert Ritter, Frank Strock, R. J. Clark, Russell Collins, Marshall Dole, Paul Snyder, Ralph Goodrich, and Max Smathers. The lay leader is Wendell C. Allen. The member of annual conference is Ira J. Bright and the reserve lay member is Ruth Scotten.

While the laymen have played an important part in local improvements, always helping with the financial affairs, yet: it has been the pastors who have been the prime movers for new enterprises. Among them was Rev. N. P. Barton, who when assigned to the Ashley-Hudson charge in 1900 found them unwilling to be served by the same pastor. Accordingly after canvassing the situation he decided to serve Hudson alone, and renting a house started Hudson on the way to becoming a station.

Following him was the Rev. M. C. Pittenger, 1901-02 who two years before, having lost his first wife, leaving him with two small children; came with his new bride to the Hudson church. The salary was $400. Out of this he had to pay house rent and live. We quote from a letter from Mr. Pittenger, "Brother Mountz said to me that he had offered Rev. Barton $100 on a parsonage." I said, "Peter, you give me that much for a parsonage." He gave me some, but not that much. I said if the church would buy a parsonage I would give enough to the $75 rent to make my subscription $100. I asked the Epworth League to subscribe $100 and the Ladies Aid $100, which they did. Mr. Arthur Dole who owned the home we bought for $400 subscribed $25. Consulting my diary I find that out of Mrs. Pittinger's private income she paid $470.39. That's how we could live on a salary of that amount. I had two happy years with the Hudson people."

We have quoted quite extensively from Rev. Pittenger to show how much preachers and their families have often done to secure needful things for the Churches. Many times they sacrifice beyond what their parishoners have done. May we here quote from the Great Shepherd of us all who said: For herein the saying holds true, "One sows, another reaps—I sent you to reap, that for which you did not labor; others have labored and ye are entered into their labor." John IV: 37-38.

Our story ends with this story of sacrifice so that those who have followed after and those who will come, may not deem it a hardship to Keep that which cost others much.

We trust that succeeding generations may add to this brief account and thus preserve for posterity a story of a worthy cause.

REV. A. E. SCOTTEN

ROSTERS OF PASTORS 1874-1954

M. H. Mott 1874
S. Bason 1875
M. T. Pettycord 1876-78
J. Johnson 1879-80
J. W. Paschall 1881-82
J. L. Ramsey 1883-84
A. C. Gerard 1885-86
A. S. Preston 1887
M. R. Pierce 1888-91
O. E. Wilcox 1892-93
J. W. Welch 1894-95
E. B. Westhafer 1896
U. A. Foster 1897
L. E. Knox 1898
B. Sawyer 1899
N. P. Barton 1900
M. C. Pittenger 1901-02
C. A. Luse 1903
P. H. Walter 1904-06
G. E. Gornell 1907
L. P. Johnson 1908
G. W. Kiesling 1909-11
C. H. Hickman 1912-14
D. A. J. Brown 1915-17
S. I. Ziechel 1918-20
M. L. Hardingham 1921-24
Lynn Young 1924-25
A. E. Scotten 1926-29
H. V. Cummins 1930-32
C. B. Sweeny 1933-38
E. O. Kegerreis ..... 1939-42-43-6 mos.
Guy Jeffers ..... 1943-6 mos. non-resident
Rex E. Custer ..... 1944 Supt. 1945-49
Mark O. Burnett 1950-

BIOGRAPHIES

Abstracted from the History of Steuben County, and published by the Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1885.

ABRAHAM DIFFENBAUGH, was born 1817, in Lancaster Co., Pa., and served an apprenticeship in the milling trade. When 21 years of age, he moved to Dayton, Ohio, and in 1858, he came to Wabash Co., Ind., and after several moves in Ind., before and after his service in the War, he eventually moved to Hutchison, Kansas, but a few years later was back in Ind., and in February 1883, came to Hudson, and rented the flouring mill, which he ran until May 1884, when he started in the mercantile business. He married his first wife, L. Stephens, in Delphos, Ohio. She died in 1881, leaving six children - Mary Ann, Henry T., Frances Cordelia, Edmund, Charles and Mina. His present wife is Alice C. Christie, of Huntington, Ind.

SAMUEL FERGUSON, of the milling firm Ferguson & Fullerton, was born in Richland Co., Ohio, in 1842. He served in the war of Rebellion, and never fully recovered from his wounds. After a short stint farming, he returned to his milling work. Mr. Ferguson was married in Ohio, to Agnes, daughter of Alexander Fullerton. They have four children - Alexander, Mary, William and Eva.

ALEXANDER FULLERTON, of the firm of Ferguson & Fullerton, proprietors of the Hudson Flour Mill, was born in Washington Co., Pa., in 1817. In 1831, he went to Senaca, Ohio, and began to work in a mill. He was married in Ohio, to Mary Adams, a native of Jefferson Co., Ohio. They have had seven children, but three of whom are still living - Agnes, wife of Samuel Ferguson; Mary, wife of Luther B. Camp; and Sarah, wife of Orlando Kimmel, of LaGrange Co.

JOHN A. SHAFFSTALL, was born 1837, in Crawford Co., Ohio, son of Abraham Shaffstall & Susan Coverly, a native of Virginia. The family settled in Salem Twp., Steuben Co., Ind., in Oct. 1854, but in 1876, he moved on to Kansas. John A. is the only child of his family now living in Steuben Co., and after service in the Indiana Infantry. he returned to Indiana, and in 1877, in Hudson, he entered his present business as a furniture dealer. He had married Hannah Peterson, a native of Norway, on Jan. 1, 1863. They have one son - Albert H., born in Wisconsin, Feb. 28, 1865.

JOHN H. WAGNER, druggist and Postmaster, Hudson, In., born in Salem Twp., a son of Jacob Wagner, who came to Steuben Co., in 1853. In 1884, John moved to Hudson and bought the drug business of Mr. Zimmerman. He married Emma Gillen, daughter of John Gillen, one of the early settlers of DeKalb Co. They have one son - Ora.

FIRES AT HUDSON.

In December, 1882, the general store of Ira Allerton was burned, involving a loss to Mr. Allerton of about $2,000 on goods. This fire was accidental. The building was owned by William Getz, and was insured for $1,000, of which $800 was paid. By far the most destructive fire that has visited Hudson occurred in December, 1884. Dr. Hamilton, in whose house the fire originated, sustained the heaviest loss. The Doctor occupied the second story of the building as a dwelling and office. The lower story was used by William Ferrier as a drug store. The Doctor lost all his household goods, surgical instruments, etc.; in fact, saved nothing but an organ. A portion of the goods of Mr. Ferrier were burned. Dr. A. G. Parsell & Son, general merchants, lost their store building, worth $1,000, and sustained a loss on goods of about the same amount. David Heckathorn lost a store building of the same size as Dr. Parsell's, occupied by William Day as a saloon. Fred Harris had three billiard tables in this building, which were burned, involving quite a heavy loss to Mr. Howard.

PRESENT BUSINESS FIRMS.

Those now in business at North Benton, or Hudson, are: Parsell & Son, general merchants; Wm. H. Marble, general merchant; Abraham Diffenbaugh, general merchant; Harry D. Diffenbaugh, hardware; John H. Wagner, druggist; Joseph Ketchum, druggist; Scott Lotzenheiser, tin-shop; John Shaffstall, furniture and undertaking; John S. Moore, Benton House; Mrs. Daniel Dole, millinery and dress-making; ——Kistler, wagon and repair shop; A. McDowell, blacksmith; Peter Miller, blacksmith; Isaac Keller, shoe and harness maker; Henry Meese, harness-maker; Day & Kistler, house, carriage and sign painters; Ferguson & Fullerton, flouring-mill; Frederick Ritter, saw-mill; Miller Bros., chair factory; Francis A. Johnson, cane-mill; George Simons, meat-market; J. H. Hathaway, barber; T. Ray Morrison, physician; F. C. Hamilton, physician; Alonzo Teeters, Justice of the Peace; Joseph Ketchum, Justice of the Peace (for Steuben Township); J. S. Moore, Constable; Ira Allerton, Notary Public; Leander Brugh, School Director; T. Ray Morrison, School Director; Annanias Rapp, carpenter and machinist; Alonzo Teeters, carpenter; Daniel Dole, carpenter; John Dole, carpenter; Allen Brugh, plasterer and stone mason; Joseph Greenough, mason and plasterer; Michael Frederick and Adam Weeks, auctioneers.

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LEANDER BRUGH

Leander Brugh was born in Seneca County, Ohio, in 1839, the eldest of twelve children born to George and Catherine (Clemons) Brugh, both natives of Pennsylvania. In 1847, they moved to Indiana, and erected a log house on their 80 acres in Pleasant Township, but in 1852, they moved to Salem Township, in Section 2, where George lived until his death in 1856. His widow is living in Hudson.

Leander Brugh followed agriculture pursuits, and has lived on his present farm since 1865. [1] Part of his original farm, which is in Salem Township, is now a part of Hudson, which he platted and is proprietor of. He is an enterprising and public spirited man, contributing to the success of Hudson. In 1878, he built his fine brick residence. [2]

In 1862, he married Susan Smith, a daughter of Daniel Smith. They have five children - Ginevra, Ortha, Byron (deceased), Avery, and Hurma, the eldest of whom is married to Sumner Bixler, a practical druggist of Angola.

[1] See plat on page 122, from the 1880 Atlas of Steuben County.

[2] Still standing proud and strong on the north side of Depot Street, about ½ block west of Main Street.

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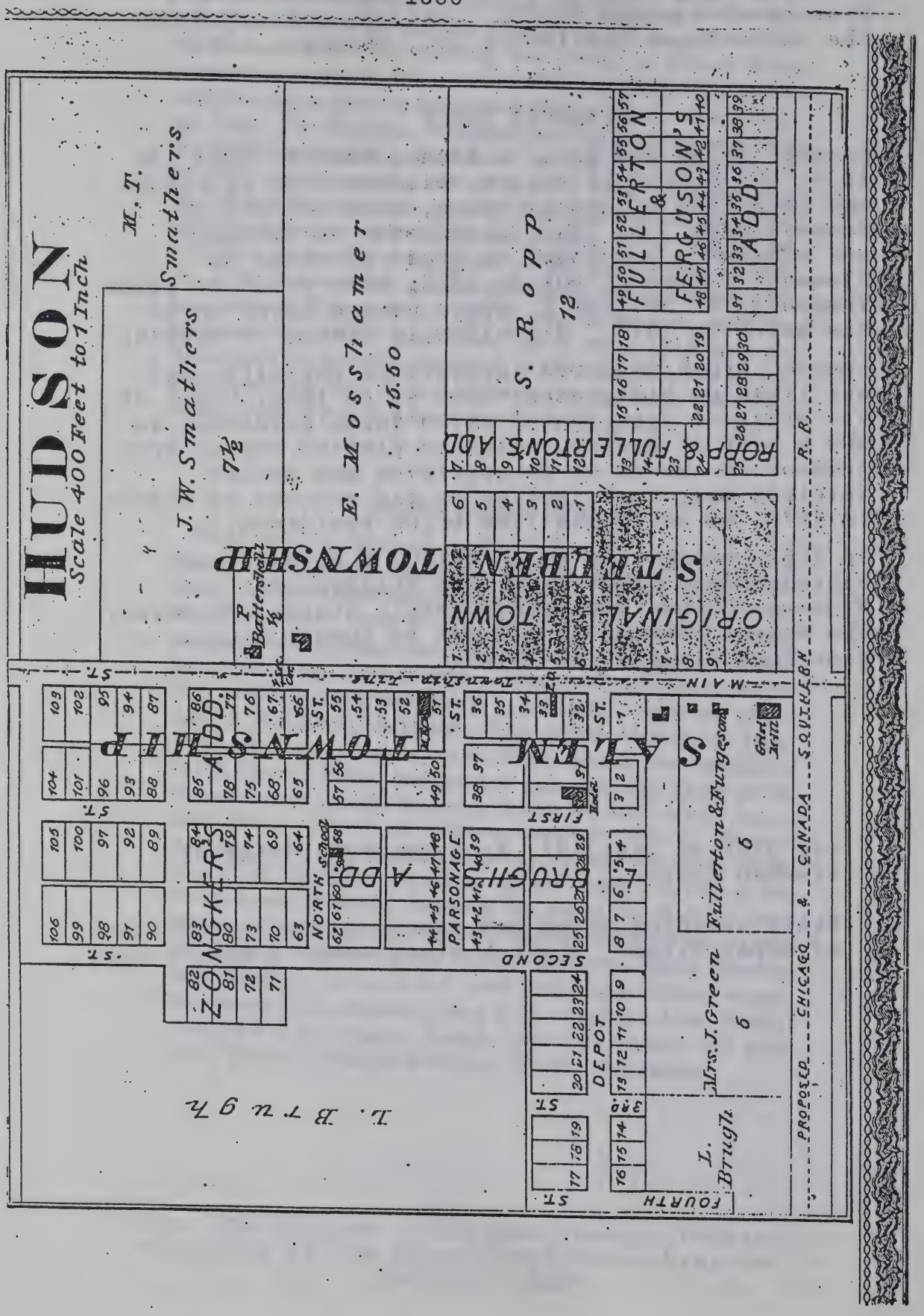
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The sturdy brick house is still standing, and the exterior, for the most part, remains the same. Kenneth Kistler, a mortician, raised his family here, converting the downstairs into the Kistler Funeral Home. His first wife, Dorothy Boner, died in 1957, and some years later he married Alice, the widow of Daniel Parker. Eventually, they built a commodious modern home on Second Street. The funeral home is now owned and operated by Dale Johnson, who continues to make improvements. The above pictured buildings are on North Main Street. In my youth, the barn was still standing, as was the other building.

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